

Bret Scott

Seaside
June 12, 1962 — Aug. 28, 2019

On Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2019, Bret Scott, loving father of four children, passed away at the age of 57.

Bret was born June 12, 1962, in Page, Arizona. He attended elementary school in Miramonte, California, and graduated from Astoria High School in Oregon in 1980.

Bret served on the aircraft carrier USS Constellation as an electrician’s mate for four years, followed by two years in the Navy Reserves.

He married Kacy Jean Smith of San Diego, California, on Dec. 14, 1985, then moved to Astoria, Oregon. Bret worked for Sunset Empire Refuse and Recycling as a truck driver for 18 years, before being hired as a truck driver for Mesher Supply in Seaside, delivering plumbing supplies along the Northern Oregon and Southern Washington coasts for 13 years.

Bret was a member of the Seaside, Oregon, post of the American Legion, as well as the local Fort Clatsop Muzzleloaders black powder gun club. He enjoyed ski-

ing, whitewater rafting, canoeing and camping with his children.

Bret is survived by his father, Robert E. Scott of Anacortes, Washington; his mother, Marilyn J. Wood Scott of West Linn, Oregon; brother Eric Scott of Yosemite National Park; his four children, Michelle Glick of Terre Haute, Indiana, Joe Scott of Astoria, Oregon, Wendy Scott of Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, and Sean Scott of Lake Oswego, Oregon; and grandson Riley Hussong. Bret is also survived by the mother of his three younger children, Kacy Scott of Lake Oswego, Oregon.

The family plans on a private scattering of his ashes in the Pacific Ocean.

A memorial donation in memory of Bret Scott may be made to Freedom Service Dogs of America, providing service dogs to children, veterans and active-duty military: Freedom Service Dogs, 7193 S. Dillon Court, Englewood, CO 80112; online contributions may be made to freedom servicedogs.org.



Ralph Kresge Todd

Warrenton
April 11, 1929 — Aug. 29, 2019

Ralph was born April 11, 1929, in Ithaca, New York, to parents Roger and Frances (Kresge) Todd.

Ralph attended Newfield High School, in Newfield, New York, and graduated in 1947.

In 1948, he enlisted in the Army for six years, and served his country as a sergeant first class tank commander in Straubing, Germany.

He returned to the U.S. to attend Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York, and graduated with a bachelor of science degree. He worked in the manufacturing industries throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Ralph was employed by Tektronix until his retirement in 1991. From 1991 to 2012, Ralph was a consultant for the Association of Manufacturing Excellence (AME) and the Northwest High Performance Enterprise Consortium (NWHPEC) in Portland, Oregon.

Ralph served as an AME volunteer for over 30 years, and served on numerous committees, boards and conferences, helped launch the AME Western Region and was honored in 2006 with the Mac McCulloch Lifetime Achievement Award.

AME co-founder Doc Hall, in a 2006 Target magazine article commented on Todd: “He was so successful developing programs that other regions began to help set up events. Soon he became AME’s corporate event organizer. During the 1990s, if you went to an AME event, chances were good that Ralph helped organize it.”

In addition to his work with AME, he retired from Tektronix, where he helped to adopt lean manufacturing and design for manufacturing. He also formed the Northwest High Performance Consortium

(HPEC) in the Portland, Oregon, area.

According to friend and colleague Phil Roether, “he loved to help others working on their excellence journey, and served as a facilitator helping groups attending the national conference. We honor Ralph’s important contribution to our organization and his dedication as a volunteer.”

Ralph was a member of various organizations, including Astoria United Methodist Church, Astoria Golf and Country Club, Turnaround Trekkers (Volkswalk Club), Lighthouse Jazz Society and served as president of the Surf Pines Association.

Ralph enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting elk and deer.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Janet Johnson Boyd Todd of Warrenton, Oregon; daughters Karen (David) Falvey and Denise Todd of Charlotte, North Carolina; sons Michael (Holly) Todd of West Palm Beach, Florida, Jason (Tobi) Boyd of Seaside, Oregon, and Jered (Jenni) Boyd of Olympia, Washington.

He is also survived by the Todd grandchildren, Kelsey (Ryan) Kehoe and Drew Falvey; and the Boyd grandchildren, Aston, Briana, Emily, Luke, Andrew, Noah, Grace, Sophia, Lucy, Katherine, Nathan and Dominic.

A celebration of life service was held at Astoria United Methodist Church on Sept. 8. Private burial was held on Sept. 5 at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Ralph Todd Music Scholarship Memorial Fund, First Interstate Bank, 300 S. Holladay Drive, Seaside, OR 97138.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.



Thomas Robert Wage

Springfield
July 17, 1936 — Sept. 6, 2019

Thomas Robert Wage, age 83, passed away at his home in Springfield, Oregon, on Friday morning, Sept. 6, 2019, after a brief illness. He was born on July 17, 1936, in Jewell, Oregon, to Arne Wage and Theresa Josephine Wage (Kelly), and he was the youngest of five children. He grew up in Jewell on the family farm and attended Seaside High School.

He was married to Carol Lee Hurd from 1957 to 1969; he was married to Gertrude Dinella Walker (Eggert) from 1972 to 1982; and then he married Scheryl Lynn Powers in 1996. He died one day prior to celebrating their 23rd wedding anniversary.

He is survived by his wife Scheryl Wage; his son Tom Wage, and his wife Julie Wage, of Sammamish, Washington; his daughter Tami Truax, and her husband Herb Truax, of Tigard, Oregon; his son Michael Wage of Eugene, Oregon; his grandsons Joseph Wage of Chicago, Illinois, and Alexander Wage of Fort Collins, Colorado; his sister Frances Scofield of Portland, Oregon; and his brother Bill Wage of Albany, Oregon. He

is also survived by stepchildren, step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, and by his brother Eugene Wage in 2011, and his sister Patricia Ann Moore in 2018. Most of his career, up through his late 30’s he was a logger in Oregon, Washington and Alaska, and then he drove a freight truck as an owner-operator until he retired.

He was an avid outdoorsman who greatly enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating and camping. He loved dogs and cats, and he was an enthusiastic fan of Oregon State University Beavers athletic teams, especially baseball. Both he and his wife Scheryl enjoyed square dancing and watching Green Bay Packers football games. He was known to wake up every day happy, and with a smile on his face. He had an incredible memory, and we will greatly miss his possibly slightly embellished and endless stories. Pursuant to his last wishes, his body will be cremated and there will be no services. The family will have a small private memorial at a future date.



Mark Eastman

Mark Eastman was born October 7, 1957, in Portland, Oregon, the son of the late Larry Eastman and Winifred (Fleskes) Eastman. He was raised and received his education in the Forest Grove community, having been a graduate of the McBride Forest Grove High School Class of 1975.

After graduation, he joined the Navy and served for a couple of years.

He had resided in Seaside, Oregon for the past thirty years. Mark had worked as a bouncer in the entertainment industry on the coast for many years.



Among his special interests, Mark enjoyed music, playing drums, growing plants, and baseball.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Larry and Winifred Eastman.

Survivors include his son, Tuirell Eastman, of Seaside, Oregon; and his stepson James Schriner, of Seaside Oregon.

To sign the online guest book or to send a condolence to the family to www.tualatinvalleyfa.com.

Tualatin Valley Funeral Alternatives in Hillsboro is entrusted with the arrangements.

Mary Lathrop Peterson

Astoria
Aug. 26, 1929 — Aug. 28, 2019

Mary Lathrop Peterson died surrounded by friends and family on Aug. 28, 2019, two days after her 90th birthday.

Born to Robert Farmiloe Goss and Helen Lewis Shotwell Goss in Hinsdale, Illinois, she was the oldest of two girls.

She held a bachelor’s degree in library science from Rockford College. In 1956 she married Harold Robert Peterson Jr., who proceeded her in death in 2015. They were blessed with four children, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

During her lifetime, she and Harold (Bob) lived in Minnesota and West Virginia, then landing and remaining in Oregon since 1998. A career at various libraries did not prevent her from using her extensive abilities in organizing, leadership and creative fiber arts.

She led a rewarding life fulfilled by her numerous interests, travel and a supportive spouse. She was involved in many civic and cultural organizations, including the PEO Sisterhood, Plymouth Congregational Church and the League of Women Voters.

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There will not be a service at Mary’s request. Memorial contributions may be made to the North Coast Land Conservancy at nclctrust.orgMary Lathrop Peterson Astoria Aug. 26, 1929 — Aug. 28,

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