

OBITUARY

Eva Elvera “Vera” Capps

Astoria
Oct. 15, 1930-Nov. 16, 2020



Eva Elvera “Vera” Capps, 90, of Astoria, died in Astoria on Nov. 16, 2020.

Eva was born to Neil Alexander and Eva Stina (Niemi) Jarvi in Seattle, Washington, on Oct. 15, 1930.

On April 12, 1948, she married Lowell Robert Capps. They raised four children as Bob was transferred around the Northwest from Seattle to Aberdeen and Tacoma, Washington, Portland and Pendleton and Walla Walla, Washington, working for the Union Pacific Railroad.

They retired to Seaside in 1983. They attended Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church. Vera taught Sunday School and served on the church council. She participated in Gideon’s International and the Child Evangelism Fellowship.

She was employed at the Pendleton Music Store, Equitable Savings and Loan, Walla Walla Produce Co. and ISN.

She enjoyed her family and many friends. She and Bob celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary shortly before his death in 2002.

Vera is survived by her sons, David Michael (Kim) Capps of Boise, Idaho, and Douglas Alan (Gwynn) Capps, of Tigard; and her daughters, Kathleen Marie (Cedric) Shanks, of La Grande, and Susan Elaine Haines of Astoria.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, Jeff and Wan Booninee, of River-

ton, Utah, Steve and Stephanie Capps, of Olympia, Washington, Melody and Darin Smith, of South Jordan, Utah, Toni and Wayne Dunlap, of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, Shelly and Colt Hub-

bell, of Boise, Idaho, Amy and Josh Karl, of Fran-

kenville, New Jersey, Rob Capps (Tresha), of Keizer, Bryon Capps, of Tigard, Keven Capps, of Tigard, Shannon and Ignacio Lopez, of Sedilia, Missouri, Stefanie and Bobby Day, of Seaside, and Michael Haines of Springfield; many great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

A private graveside service was held. A memorial service will be held at a later time.

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Ham: ‘A little bit of change doesn’t hurt anybody’

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Ham worked as a narcotics detective on the county’s drug task force from 2000 to 2001. He was promoted to sergeant in 2001, lieutenant in 2003 and named police chief in 2014 after the retirement of Bob Gross.

As chief, Ham stressed community policing, with outreach including National Night Out, child safety fairs, backpack food programs, Shop With a Cop and serving as a board member of Seaside Kiwanis.

In 2016, Ham guided the department after Sgt. Jason Goodding was fatally shot while trying to serve an arrest warrant.

Ham and Seaside officers have held vigils for Goodding every year since his death.

This year, Ham has addressed evolving coronavirus restrictions, protests and counterprotests and a spike in the city’s homeless population.

Ham said he and his wife, Cheryl, had discussed eastern or central Oregon as an eventual retirement location.

After seeing a notice in a newsletter from the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police, they started researching the area.

Ham will tentatively take



Seaside Police Chief Dave Ham at Sgt. Jason Goodding’s memorial vigil in February.

R.J. Marx

over on Jan. 1 in Enterprise.

“One of the things that caught my eye is that they described the position as a ‘working chief,’” Ham said.

He said he was impressed with the city’s pride in their department and the chance to do more hands-on police work.

Seaside officials have yet to discuss a replacement, he said.

Lt. Guy Knight, Seaside police’s second-in-command, would likely serve as the acting chief during the search for a replacement, he added.

While Ham will miss Seaside’s crowds and year-

round excitement, he is looking forward to his new role in Enterprise.

“They do have a summer influx of people coming through, but nowhere to the level we’ve experienced here in Seaside,” he said. “A little bit of change doesn’t hurt anybody.”

Seaside man sentenced for drunken-driving crash

The Astorian

A Seaside man was sentenced last Friday to 150 days in jail and four years probation for a drunken-driving crash that left a man seriously injured.

Erick Yetzael Mendez Lopez, 23, pleaded guilty to driving under the influ-

ence of intoxicants, assault in the fourth degree, recklessly endangering another person, reckless driving and two counts of failure to perform the duties of a driver with property damage.

Justin Powell, of Seaside, was walking across 12th Avenue and N. Holladay Drive in December when he was struck by a

vehicle driven by Mendez Lopez.

Powell suffered numerous fractures, a laceration, a concussion and other injuries that have required surgeries. As part of his probation, Judge Deanne Darling required Mendez Lopez to present on his experience at a local high school on an annual basis.

Powell filed a lawsuit in May seeking more than \$1.1 million for negligence.

The lawsuit also accuses Naked Wines in Oregon and Damarkom, doing business as Times Theater and Public House, of negligence for allegedly serving Mendez Lopez alcohol prior to the crash while he was visibly intoxicated.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG



Nov. 13
6:38 p.m., 300 block N. Prom: Motel guests arguing over a parking spot keep their argument verbal only. Subjects separated for the night.
11:42 p.m., Library: Subjects loitering in the area are advised they’ve been trespassed 30 days.
Nov. 14
6:24 p.m., Fifth and Necanicum: Police attempt to make contact with the occupant of a motor home secured with a padlock. The attempt proved fruitless.
9:39 p.m., Post Office: A person sleeping in the post office is advised to find more suitable accommodations.
Nov. 15
9:32 a.m., 2300 block S. Downing: Suspicious circumstances are reported.
2:57 p.m., 1400 block S. Roosevelt: Car accident.

3:04 p.m., 2000 block N. Roosevelt: Car accident. Fire department on scene.
4:42 p.m., Lewis and Clark Saltworks: Subject with small children is given a referral to Helping Hands.
4:55 p.m., Avenue G and Ocean Shore: Caller reports family illegally digging for clams on the beach. Police contact the family who are unaware of restrictions. No clams were caught.
7:38 p.m., 800 block S. Roosevelt: A person is arrested on a warrant.
Nov. 16
1:11 p.m., 12th Avenue and U.S. Highway 101: Police assist with a dog struck by vehicle.
1:31 p.m., 300 block S. Roosevelt: Police assist fire department with a downed power line.
3:09 p.m., Chamber restroom: A person who has been using the restroom like a hotel room is trespassed. He’s also warned for keeping his dog off-leash.
10:32 p.m., N. Wahanna Road: Police assist on scene at

a medical call.
Nov. 17
6:46 a.m., Avenue A: Transit Center reports female previously trespassed from the bus shelter. Police assist her finding another spot out of the rain and contact senior services.
10:31 p.m., Public parking garage: Police make contact with a transient sleeping in the area. The subject declined to speak to police but indicated they would be moving along shortly.
Nov. 19
12:02 a.m., 500 block S. Roosevelt: Subject is trespassed.
12:10 a.m., 1100 block Broadway: Subject is warned of trespass.
1:10 a.m., 700 block Fifth Street, Gearhart: Police assist Gearhart police with a disturbance.
7:42 p.m., Ocean Way and Edgewood: Subject is warned for sleeping in a doorway.
11:22 p.m., 1000 block Holladay Drive: Sex crimes are reported.



Nov. 13
12:13 p.m., 300 block S. Roosevelt: Emergency medical response.
6:13 p.m., Seventh Avenue: Fire alarm.
Nov. 14
10:06 a.m., Ocean Way bathroom: Fire investigation.
5:00 p.m., 3900 block Ocean Avenue: Structure fire.
Nov. 15
8:19 a.m., 2000 block S. Roosevelt: Emergency medical response.
8:36 a.m., 900 block N. Franklin: Emergency medical response.
Nov. 17
1:42 a.m., Forest Drive: Emergency medical response.
3:04 p.m., 300 block Broadway: Emergency medical response.
Nov. 19
9:00 a.m., 1800 block First Avenue: Fire investigation.

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