OBITUARIES

Kenneth G. (Jerry) Meisner Metolius

July 31, 1937 — Dec. 12, 2020

John Roy Snabel, 74, of Seaside passed away Nov. 24, 2020, in Portland.

John was born on Oct. 17, 1946, in Portland, and adopted before his second birthday into the home of Roy and Lucille Snabel, where he quickly became the favorite companion and playmate of his older sister, Bonnie.

John grew up in the Hood River Valley. He enjoyed the outdoors and spending time working, hunting and exploring with his family, especially his beloved father, Roy.

Roy was not only his father, but he also became John's scout master and, according to John, he was the best scout master imaginable. John was very active in scouts and eventually earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

After high school John enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, where it was discovered that he had an aptitude for languages. The Marines trained him to speak Vietnamese, and John became an interpreter and scout.

John was wounded by mortar fire in combat and, due to his injuries, he was awarded the Purple Heart and honorable med-



John Roy Snabel

Seaside

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ical retirement from the Marines

He eventually found his way to California, where he met his wife, Priscilla, and became a wonderful and loving father to their children, Hunter and Tammy.

They soon moved to Seaside, where he became verv active at Seaside First Baptist Church, which later became North Coast Family Fellowship. There they found their church family, with deep and abiding friendships.

John served faithfully as director of Awana, deacon. Sunday school teacher and greeter for many years. He especially took pride in helping construct the new church building with his church community.

John worked as a driving instructor for over 40 years at Tongue Point Job Corps Center, Astoria High School, Clatsop Community College and through his private driving school.

John enjoyed the outdoors and hunting excursions with his family, especially with his nephews.

In retirement he enjoyed time with his wife, children and grandchildren and walking with his beloved dog, "Mia," on the Prom, where he found every opportunity to engage in conversation with passersby.

John is survived by his wife of 44 years, Priscilla; children. Hunter Barnes (Heather), of Seaside, and Tammy Hayes (Jeffrey), of Willis, Texas; his six grandchildren, Abigail, Madeleine, Magdalene, Eden, Braden and Garrett; sister, Bonnie Nipp (George), of Newberg; nephews, Robert Stites, Steve Nipp and Matt Nipp; and niece, Stacy Milrany.

Better known as "Jerry," he was a modern day Huckleberry Finn. Every minute of his youth he trapped and hunted. As a young boy, he was eager to get up early ... not for school, however, but to go hunt game. If successful, he would leave his "trophy" in the kitchen sink for his mother to cook for dinner.

No, school was not for him, but with resistance, he did attend, and graduated in 1955 from Seaside High School.

Lying about his age, he enlisted in the National Guard, where he served until he joined the Air Force, training as a weapons mechanic. While serving in Kansas, he met and married his wife, Marty.

After his discharge from the Air Force, they moved to Seaside, making the coast their home for many years. Adopting a son in 1966, Mike Meisner was the highlight of Jerry and Marty's life.

Jerry worked for Crown Zellerbach as a log scaler for about 20 years, until the plant closed. After that, he worked as a custodian at Seaside High School, where he was well liked by both staff and students.

Jerry was very active. He was a volunteer firefighter for Gearhart, an avid bowler and



loved looking for rocks. He also enjoyed going to casinos. In 2006, after 47 years of

marriage, Marty died of complications from diabetes.

Best known to his hunting buddies as Bones (due to his very slim build), Jerry was an avid hunter. For 52 years, Jerry and his group of hunting buddies met at the same hunting ground, located in the Umatilla National Forest, just a few miles out of Spray. He also hunted wild turkeys in that same area. Brownlee Reservoir in Richland was the place for large channel catfish.

He met and married Marta Crisostomo, a certified court

interpreter, who equally enjoyed the outdoors. They went on many catfishing, turkey and deer hunting adventures. They traveled several times to Chili to visit her family and explore the area, and also enjoyed a family cruise. Only married a few short years, she died in 2012.

In 2013, Jerry met Patricia Weiland, who had also recently lost her husband to terminal illness. They were married in Las Vegas in 2014. Jerry and Pat made their home in Metolius. From their front window, Jerry delighted in the view of the Three Sisters Mountains and many beautiful sunsets.

On Dec. 12, 2020, Jerry died peacefully at home, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his current wife, Patricia Meisner; his beloved son, Mike Meisner of Seaside; his sister, MaryAnn Emerson of Columbia City; his niece, JeriAnn Douglas, and nephew, Rick Simpson; and great-nieces, Kaity and Kassie, and great-nephew, Andrew. He is also survived by his stepdaughter, Jamasa Sattler of Madras, and step-granddaughters, Maria and Amelia.

All who knew him will remember him for his kindness, humor and his love for the outdoors

Kathleen Piner Zimmerman



Dec. 3

5:05 a.m., 800 block S. Roosevelt: A person is arrested on a warrant.

9:54 a.m., 800 block S. Roosevelt: A transient reported yelling and upsetting customers of the shopping center is advised of the complaints. He said he will be moving on.

7:22 p.m., 700 block S. Holladay: A person reported outside with a flashlight acting suspiciously tells police he's looking for money he dropped.

> 10:22 p.m., U.S. Highway 101 by Thai Me Up: A person is arrested for driving while under the Influence of intoxicants.

Dec. 4

11:19 a.m., U.S. Highway 101 by Trucke's: Two subjects reported yelling at each other in the roadway continue on their way, still yelling.

5:46 p.m., 800 block S. Downing: Property crimes are reported.

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6:40 p.m., 400 block Broadway: Subjects reported drinking alcohol in public say the drinks are poured out and they will be moving along.

Dec.6

Dec. 5

1:12 p.m., 1700 block 12th Avenue: A subject with a mental health issue is assisted by an officer.

3:23 p.m., The Cove: Police assist another agency with a shark bite.



U.S. Highway 101 closed Sunday morning and through much of the afternoon in both directions just north of Manzanita at Oswald West State Park following a multivehicle crash involving a recreational vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.

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