

OBITUARIES

**Mary Ann Rodda Kawasoe Gearhart**  
Feb. 21, 1942 — Jan. 22, 2021



Mary Ann Rodda Kawasoe returned to her heavenly home on Jan. 22, 2021, in Gearhart. Her firm belief in God supported her peaceful journey to reunite with the love of her life, Melvin “Dutch” Kawasoe, who passed away in 2015.

Ann was born Feb. 21, 1942, in Everett, Washington, to Nora and Merritt Rodda, in between her two brothers, Tom and Phil. Their family moved to Portland, where she spent her childhood.

She graduated from Parkrose High School in 1960 and then went on to attend Portland State College. There, she earned a bachelor’s degree in English and was an avid member of the Tri Delta sorority.

Following college, she

began her illustrious teaching career at Reynolds High School, where she fell in love with Dutch, who was the head football coach at the time. She embraced her relationship with Dutch’s two daughters, Marcia and Marianne, whom she loved as if they were her own. She and Dutch had their only son, John, who was born in 1966.

After he was born, she taught throughout the Portland metropolitan area to not only inspire and engage young students, but also her colleagues and anyone she met. Ann was a woman of faith and a longtime member of St. Matthew’s Church in Portland and North Coast Family Fellowship in Seaside.

Ann was able to focus on

the most important things in her life throughout retirement — spending time with family and friends, and spoiling her grandchildren.

Her concern for others and willingness to lend a hand kept her busy volunteering at various charita-

ble organizations, including Meals on Wheels, Gearhart Elementary School and Providence ElderPlace. She also loved to garden and quilt.

Her family and friends will remember her as a selfless and loving grandmother — a role she was born to be. She wasn’t just Grandma Ann to the Kawasoe family, but her tenderness made everyone feel as if she was their own.

Ann is survived by her three children, Marcia Houston (Jim), Marianne Leipzig (Tim) and John Kawasoe (Katie); two brothers, Philip (Connie) and Tom (Jean) Rodda; seven grandchildren, Gretchen Sumner (Jamie), Jonathan Leipzig (Whitney), Katy and Carson Kawasoe, Colby Podoll and Brenden

(Madison) and Kyle Crosby; and six great-grandchildren, Lucy and Dutch Sumner, Finley, Maclane and Quinton Leipzig and Anslee Crosby.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband.

A private family memorial service will be held on Jan. 29, 2021, at Ocean View Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dutch Kawasoe Memorial Reward Fund, P.O. Box 820125, Portland, OR., 97282-1125.

Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements. A guest book may be signed at: OceanViewAstoria.com

**David Edward (Ed Seajack) Arnold**  
Seaside

Aug. 25, 1951 — Jan. 1, 2021



David Edward (Ed Seajack) Arnold passed away peacefully, in Seaside, at the Seaside Lodge & International Hostel, on Jan. 1, 2021, at the age of 69.

He was born on Aug. 25, 1951, in Waterloo, Iowa, to Clarence E. Arnold Jr. and Roberta L. (Pratt) Arnold.

David graduated from Lennox High School in Lennox, California, in 1969. Post high school education included attendance at Mohave Community College for general education, Northern Arizona University for accounting and Nottingham Trent University in England for international accounting standards.

David worked for the U.S. Postal Service, in business as a manager and developer, and as a program development coordinator at Catholic Charities for AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America. Most recently, David

worked at Seaside Lodge & International Hostel.

While in school, he completed a course on taxes, and during tax season volunteered his services for free as a tax consultant to the Yavapai Nation and to low income individuals.

David traveled frequently in both the U.S. and Europe. He lived in many states including Iowa, California, Minnesota, Arizona and Oregon. He spent time attending university in Nottingham, England, living on the Isle of Skye and traveling in Iceland.

David loved campfires, people and cooking. He had friends from all over the world and shared his wis-

dom and friendship with many.

David was known for his generosity and was always willing to help other people. He was also known for his long walks that included a walk from California to Oregon; a walk from St. Louis, Missouri, to Washington, D.C.; and a walk around Iceland.

The reception desk at Seaside Lodge & International Hostel will forever carry his spirit.

David is survived by his sisters, Teresa Walker, Rebecca Arnold and Nancy (George) Seine; an uncle; and many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and cousins.

**Seaside man sentenced to prison for domestic violence**

The Astorian

A Seaside man was sentenced last Tuesday to

almost two years in prison for domestic violence.

Saturnino Romero Martinez, 32, was arrested last June for

crimes related to domestic violence, including attempted murder.

He pleaded guilty to strangulation and his other

charges were dismissed.

After the arrest, he was the subject of a detainer by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG



Jan. 15

**11:20 a.m.**, 500 block Avenue G: A subject is arrested on a felony warrant.

**7:30 p.m.**, 400 block N. Holladay: A disturbance is reported.

Jan. 16

**3:02 p.m.**, Avenue G and Roosevelt: Caller reports a possibly intoxicated driver; on contact, police learn the driver is just learning how to drive a stick shift.

**8:22 p.m.**, 300 block S. Roosevelt: A person is reported trespassing.

Jan. 17

**6:32 a.m.**, 3300 N. U.S. Highway 101: Seaside police assist Gearhart police on a disturbance call.

**9:52 a.m.**, 400 block S. Holladay: Caller reports someone left a brand-new lawnmower on her doorstep. Police retrieved the mower for safekeeping.

**10:52 a.m.**, 1700 block N. Roosevelt: Caller reports transient female trespassing in his parking lot. She left a knife behind. Police retrieved it for safekeeping.

**9:11 p.m.**, 400 block N. Holladay: Caller reports ex-boyfriend threatening to break into her home. Police respond but are unable to locate him.

Jan. 18

**8:08 p.m.**, Roosevelt: A person is cited for inability to maintain lane.

**10:14 p.m.**, 500 block S. Roosevelt: Caller reports subject sleeping in a van outside his store. Van was gone on police arrival and the store closed.

Jan. 19

**2:35 a.m.**, Avenue A/Chisholm Center: Police locate a person who started a fire in a shopping trolley; they agree to put the fire out and return the trolley to the grocer.

**10:03 p.m.**, 400 block S. Roosevelt: Property crimes are reported.

Jan. 20

**9:52 a.m.**, 1000 block S. Roosevelt: Sex crimes are reported.

**9:57 a.m.**, 400 block S. Holladay: Business owner requests a welfare check on the person living under a tarp for several days. The person says they are fine and after being advised their tarp is blocking a right of way, say they will move along as they have just been trespassed by another business.

**9:59 a.m.**, 800 block 12th Avenue: Caller reports tags were stolen from his vehicle.

**4:07 p.m.**, 500 block Beach Drive: A man reported prowling around a residence says he’s just trying to reconcile with his ex-girlfriend. Officers send him on his way.

Jan. 21

**4:31 p.m.**, 1000 block Avenue S: Transients are trespassed from church property.

**9:24 p.m.**, Shilo Inn: A person is assisted.



Jan. 15

**8:20 p.m.**, 2400 block Pine Street: Emergency medical response.

**9:11 p.m.**, 300 block Fourth Avenue: Emergency medical response.

**9:30 p.m.**, 1100 block Avenue A: Fire alarm.

Jan. 17

**7:29 a.m.**, Broadway: Fire investigation.

**9:07 a.m.**, 1000 block S. Downing: Fire alarm.

Jan. 19

**9:34 a.m.**, 900 block N. Holladay: Fire investigation.

**9:40 a.m.**, 2400 block S. Hemlock, Cannon Beach: Police and fire assist with a structure fire.

**7:18 p.m.**, 900 block N. Wahnana: Fire investigation.

Jan. 20

**2:10 p.m.**, Turnaround: Fire investigation.

Jan. 21

**11:45 a.m.**, 400 block Second Avenue: Emergency medical response.

**12:12 p.m.**, 900 block N. Franklin: Emergency medical response.

**12:37 p.m.**, 500 block Avenue A: Emergency medical response; a deceased person is reported.

**10:36 p.m.**, 3600 block Sunset Boulevard: Fire alarm.



Dangerous vehicle

Robert Tristan Ibarra, 48, from Friendswood, Texas, was charged Jan. 9 at 11:28 p.m. on U.S. Highway 101 and Sunset Beach Lane with driving while under the influence of intoxicants — alcohol and reckless driving. He was also cited for having an open container of alcohol while driving a car and failure to maintain his lane. A motorist traveling west on Highway 26 near the Highway 101 junction reported a dangerous vehicle turning north onto Highway 101. A short time later a trooper sergeant saw a car matching the reported description traveling north near mile post 13.5. The car left the roadway to the north-bound shoulder and struck a power pole. A second trooper responded to the scene along with Clatsop County deputies. Ibarra exhibited signs of impairment and declined to perform a standardized field sobriety test. He was arrested on scene and transported to the Clatsop County Jail where he provided breath samples which revealed a 0.24% blood alcohol content. His damaged car was towed by Classic Towing.

Driving while impaired

On Jan. 11 at 12:28 a.m., on U.S. Highway 101 and Sunset Lane Danielle Leslie Brown, 34 of Warrenton, was charged with driving while impaired by alcohol and marijuana. A family member notified police she was on the road and impaired so they could locate her. Brown was found on the highway near milepost 15; an investigation led to her arrest. Her Toyota Highlander was secured on the side of the road until a family member could come and get it. Brown’s chemical test showed a blood alcohol content of 0.12%.

Seaside man dies in Highway 26 crash

Oregon State Police and emergency personnel responded Jan. 11 at approximately 3:40 p.m. to a two-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 26 near milepost 7. Preliminary investigation indicated a 1993 gray Ford Explorer traveling eastbound stopped to turn into a driveway when it was struck from behind by a Peterbilt semi truck driven by a 43-year-old driver from Tigard. Lonnie Meade, 65, of Seaside, sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the semi truck was not injured. The highway was closed for four hours. State police were assisted at the scene by the Seaside Fire Department, the Hamlet Fire Department and ODOT. Classic Towing towed the Peterbilt and Gary’s Towing towed the Explorer. The investigation is ongoing.

Car on fire

A 26-year-old Cannon Beach man was driving a Chevy Suburban on U.S. Highway 101 near milepost 26 Jan. 13 at 8:50 p.m. when it caught fire. Police saw the car traveling at a low rate of speed traveling southbound with its hazard lights on; there was an odor of burning plastic trailing the vehicle. The driver pulled over to the shoulder the same time the car caught on fire; the driver pulled two children from the car while a trooper discharged a fire extinguisher into the engine bay to suppress the fire.

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