

OBITUARY

Frank Joel “Todd” Vollmer

Warrenton
July 6, 1934 — April 17, 2021

Capt. Frank Joel “Todd” Vollmer, veteran tow boat and pilot launch operator, left the Wheel House and crossed the bar on April 17, 2021.

Todd was born in Astoria on July 6, 1934. He grew up in Hammond, and attended Star of the Sea schools.

He was baptized in the Columbia River, where he spent his childhood. He had an early passion for the tug boats at a young age and always knew he

wanted to work on the river for a living.

Todd married Kay Magnuson in July 1954, and they were married for 66 years. They became parents to their daughter, Vicki, and sons, Allen and Robert. Todd loved his family and friends, and anyone else who would stop by and listen to his stories.

Todd began his career at 16 with Arrow Tug and Barge, then Knappton Towboat Co., then Brix Maritime and finally retiring

after 50 years on the river with Foss Maritime.

Known to many in the business as “Crash,” he worked hard with a variety of personalities and characters. This enabled him to hone his skills, and he became a brilliant boat operator who took pride in all he did — it’s what made him tick, and he loved being a captain, a towboater. He was proud to say



that he would never tell you to do something he wouldn’t do himself.

Even after his formal retirement, Todd’s continuing love of the tugs took him to Alaska to work on some projects for Campbell Towing & Marine. Todd spent his real retirement time fishing, clamming, canning tuna, boiling crab and smoking cheese.

He also loved to rebuild salmon rods and reels and hang out in his own Wheel House with friends and family. He was a real do-it-yourselfer, and no project was too difficult to take on. He shared his knowledge of repairing just about everything with his children and grandchildren, and taught them many valuable lessons.

Todd had a lifelong love for his family’s pets — from his first dog, “Mike,” to his last, “Roxie” and “Leo.”

Todd is survived by his wife, Kay Vollmer; daughter, Vicki (Doug) Locke; sons, Allen (Lynette) Vollmer and Robert (Meri) Vollmer; sister, Rosemary Stevenson; brother, Robert Vollmer; seven grandchildren, along with three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a small memorial for family members in July. Thank you for considering a gift, in Todd’s memory, to a charity of your choice.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG



April 16
6:05 a.m., 2500 block Sunset Blvd: A person is arrested on a warrant.
11:43 a.m., 400 block S. Roosevelt: Transients reported throwing chicken bones to seagulls are advised to stop as chicken bones are not part of a normal sea gull’s diet.
April 17
12:56 p.m., Safeway parking lot: A person is arrested on a warrant after being reported drinking alcohol in public.
3:17 p.m., Junction, U.S. Highway 101: The runner involved in a recent motor vehicle hit and run accident is located by police.
4:13 p.m., 3500 block Sunset Blvd.: Emergency medical response.
6:13 p.m., Turnaround: A 5-year-old boy reported missing is located.
7:01 p.m., Avenue U and Ocean: Caller reports a surfer possibly in distress. The surfer made it out of the water safely. Rescue personnel on scene.
8:24 p.m., Beach Drive, Avenue U: Police respond to

a report of people possibly camping in their RV. Due to a language barrier not everything was clear, but police left with the understanding they aren’t camping but are just waiting for friends or family members to return from the beach.
11:47 p.m., 900 block Beach Drive: Occupants of a rental house are advised to move their car off the roadway and on to the driveway of the rental. A complaint was made of noise the dog was making inside the car. They said they were not allowed to bring the dog inside the house.
April 18
3:09 a.m., Ocean Way: A subject found sleeping on private property is asked to leave.
6:07 a.m., 2300 block S. Roosevelt: A person who refused to leave private property is permanently trespassed.
7:07 p.m., 1900 block NW Warrenton Drive: A woman reports her husband missing as he is 30 minutes late coming home from work.
April 19
7:03 a.m., 1000 block N. Holladay: A deceased person is reported.
2:35 p.m., 900 block Beach Drive: A request for a welfare check concludes with a

call for emergency medical assistance.
3:52 p.m., Taco Bell, S. Roosevelt: A person is arrested for driving while under the influence of intoxicants.
April 20
2:15 p.m., Quatat Park: Caller reports boat tied up at the park is sinking. Owner arrived on scene and tried to retrieve boat.
3:12 p.m., 10th and Necanicum: An abandoned camp trailer is tagged for tow.
3:14 p.m., 10th and Necanicum: An abandoned motor home is tagged for tow.
3:16 p.m., 11th and Necanicum: An abandoned motor home is tagged for tow.
3:21 p.m., 11th and Necanicum: An abandoned truck is tagged for tow.
7:48 p.m., 85000 block U.S. Highway 101: A person is arrested on a warrant.
April 21
2:15 p.m., U.S. Highway 101 milepost 26: A person pulled over for possible driving while intoxicated is found sober but driving with a suspended license.
April 22
2:33 a.m., 500 block N. Wahanna: A subject is arrested on a warrant.

8:12 a.m., 600 block 15th Avenue: A deceased person is reported.
8:46 a.m., 1000 block Avenue E: A transient reported lying on the sidewalk tells police he is ok. He is advised not to block the sidewalk.
3:48 p.m., 1000 block S. Holladay: A transient reported napping on the sidewalk has his feet off the curb, blocking the roadway, a caller said. The subject told police he was just resting his legs and will be moving along shortly.
11:57 p.m., 700 block S. King: Subjects reported of suspicious behavior are warned they will be arrested if they continue their activity.
April 16
1:04 a.m., 400 block Second Avenue: Emergency medical response
4:56 a.m., N. Prom: Emergency medical response.
11:04 a.m., U.S. Highway 101 behind Les Schwab: Fire investigation.
12:41 a.m., Mouth of Skapanon River: Water rescue.
1:29 p.m., Crescent Beach:

Water rescue.
8:49 p.m., Estuary: Fire investigation.
April 18
11:17 a.m., 33000 block Rosey Lane: Fire investigation.
11:29 a.m., 1800 block Pine Ridge Drive: Structure fire. Flames and smoke reported.
3:15 p.m., Avenue A: Emergency medical response.
4:55 p.m., Avenue A and Columbia: Car accident with injuries. Emergency medical response.
April 19
10:22 p.m., N. Holladay: Fire alarm. Another agency is assisted.
April 20
12:57 a.m., Mill Ponds: Emergency medical response. Police assist getting a man out of the water.
7:47 a.m., Beach and 12th: Fire investigation.
9:42 a.m., 12th and Prom: Fire investigation.
9:42 a.m., 14th and Prom: Fire investigation.
1:11 p.m., Cooper and Stillwater: A brush fire is reported.
April 21
2:30 p.m., Seaside Engine: Emergency medical response. Another agency is assisted.



3:43 p.m., Cove Rocks: Fire investigation.
April 22
10:12 a.m., Field south of Grocery Outlet: Police and fire on scene for a fire investigation.
5:07 p.m., Quatat Park: Fire investigation.
Two-car accident
Two cars were involved in an accident April 17 at 8:44 p.m., on U.S. Highway 101 near milepost 25 when one car parked on the northbound shoulder was struck on its left side by another car pulling out. Both cars remained parked on a gravel parking area off the roadway until police arrived. Nobody was injured.
Disorderly behavior
A person reported behaving in a disorderly manner and possibly high on drugs brought troopers to the Rite Aid parking area in Seaside on U.S. Highway 101 April 18 at 10:20 p.m. As Seaside police reported they were short-handed, Oregon State Police arrested Charles Seth Poindexter, 24, and took them to the county jail.

BEST TIRE VALUE PROMISE



IMMEDIATE OPENINGS - FULL-TIME

Alignment Tech • Suspension/Brake Mechanic • Experience required

TIRE SALES/SERVICE

Experienced preferred but not required

SALES/ADMIN

(Assistant Bookkeeper)

Experienced preferred but not required

STARTING WAGE DOE

GENEROUS BENEFITS

Medical, Dental, Vision, 401K, Vacation, Sick Pay, Profit Share, Uniforms provided

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