

OBITUARIES

John Douglas Ward

**Cannon Beach
June 8, 1938 — Aug. 10, 2021**

John Ward, of Cannon Beach, passed away peacefully at Providence Seaside Hospital, surrounded by his loving family, on Aug. 10, 2021, at the age of 83.

John will be lovingly remembered by Terry, his wife of 57 years; children, Mitch Ward and Jeannine Westerholm (Bill); grandchildren, David and Nathanael Ward and Whitney, Payton and Jordan Westerholm; plus, many nieces, nephews and countless friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Mabel and Tisdale Ward, and his sister, Patricia Noonan.

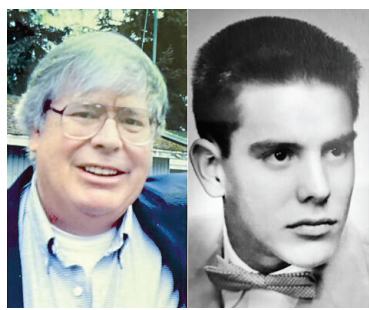
John was born in Astoria on June 8, 1938, and was raised in Portland. He attended St. Rose Catholic Grade School, graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1956 and earned a bachelor's degree in economics, with a minor in French, from the University of Portland, in 1960, where he was a member of the Upsilon Omega Pi fraternity.

He met the love of his life, Terry, at the University of Portland while she was studying to be a nurse, and they were married in 1964. While in Portland, they had two children, Mitch and Jeannine, and he co-owned and operated the Harvest House in northeast Portland for 12 years before moving to Cannon Beach in 1975.

Once there, he and Terry — along with Terry's parents, Dave and Freeda Haggerty — bought The Driftwood Inn, which they co-owned and operated together for 10 years. In 1985, John and Terry took full ownership until 2003, when he retired.

He was a gracious host, and had a passion for quality food, a welcoming atmosphere and top-notch service. His passion became a reality, as The Driftwood Inn was, and continues to be, a favorite destination for many around the country.

John enjoyed a spirited round of golf, and was well known for his annual fishing trip to Canada that many have participated in over the years. He and Terry loved to travel around Oregon, and other states, to see the more



remote and unique locations.

John was an avid piano player, and loved jazz music. He was the master of telling jokes, and truly enjoyed making people laugh and smile; he was the life of the party even when there wasn't a party!

He was a member of the Seaside Elks Lodge No. 1748 and the Cannon Beach American Legion Post 168. But most importantly, he was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother, son and friend. Being a part of his children's lives and watching his grandchildren play sports was his biggest joy in life, and which he was most proud of.

He will be missed by many, but his legacy lives on, and he will never be forgotten.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date, once it is safe for large gatherings again. A private mass was held for immediate family members in August.

Memorial donations may be made in John's name to: the Cannon Beach Food Pantry, Rask Family Memorial Fund, Cannon Beach Volunteer Fire Department, Seaside Kids Inc., or any educational scholarship of your choice.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center Intensive Cardiac Care Unit, eighth floor west Cardiac Care Unit and the palliative care team in Portland, and the emergency, Intensive Care Unit and spiritual care departments at Providence Seaside Hospital for their amazing care and compassion.

Also, a heartfelt thank you to the Cannon Beach Fire Department, for always assisting the family with John's care in their times of need throughout the years.

Chimney fire damages Gearhart home

There were no injuries at a two-alarm house fire on North Cottage in Gearhart late last Friday.

Gearhart Fire received a report of smoke coming from the cedar shake roof around the brick chimney at 976 North Cottage at 11:12 p.m.

Flames moved quickly from the roof and along the ridgeline of the structure. While moving to the rear of the structure, fire also traveled along the entire ridgeline.

After confirming all people and pets were out of the home, firefighters conducted a knockdown of the fire from inside the home.

Seaside Fire arrived on scene providing command support and extra manpower to complete the interior knockdown. A second alarm brought assistance from Warrenton and Lewis and Clark fire departments.

Gearhart fire officials said the fire was accidental, caused by pyrolysis, combustible materi-



Gearhart Fire

Firefighters battled a two-alarm blaze on Cottage on late Friday night.

als exposed to extreme high temperatures around the wood over an extended period of time.

Police investigate reported threat of school shooting

Seaside Police received a report

of a possible shooting threat made by a student at Seaside High School last Wednesday.

Upon investigation, police confirmed there was an incident involving a student making derogatory statements.

Any threat made against the school has not been substantiated, police said. The investigation is ongoing.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG



Oct. 1

1:58 a.m., Turnaround: A group of people reported disturbing and harassing people in the nearby area disappeared prior to police arrival.

9:35 a.m., 400 block S. Roosevelt: Police and firefighters respond to an EMS call; police arrest one person wanted on a warrant.

6:12 p.m., 900 block S. Holladay: Police respond to a report of a possible burglary in progress; they speak to a female who says she has permission to be on the property. A message was left for the property owner.

10:04 p.m., 500 block Broadway: A person is trespassed after they are found sleeping in a doorway.

Oct. 2

3:32 p.m., 1300 block N. Holladay: Caller reports the hood of her car was opened overnight. Nothing appears to be missing or damaged.

3:38 p.m., 900 block Broadway: Police assist another agency with an EMS call.

9:54 p.m., 200 block Broadway: A missing person is reported.

Oct. 3

9:59 a.m., Goodman bathrooms: Caller requests a welfare check on a female found in or near the restrooms who appears to be homeless.

5:07 p.m., 400 block Avenue U: A broken screen on a poker machine is reported at a dining establishment.

10:55 p.m., Quatat Park: A hotel guest complained of a transient causing a disturbance across the river. The subject was contacted and advised there had been a complaint.

11:08 p.m., N. Holladay Drive: A disturbance is reported.

Oct. 4

12:11 a.m., 14th and N. Franklin: A dog reported at large is found by police who say the dog found its own way home.

10:57 a.m., Avenue G and The Prom: A man reported behaving in an aggressive and surly manner is warned of disorderly conduct.

9:42 p.m., Broadway Field: A disturbance is reported.

10:11 p.m., 200 block Broadway: Property crimes are reported.

Oct. 6

1:03 p.m., Quatat Park: A person reported holing up in the restroom

and smoking marijuana denied they were smoking. They said they would be moving on.

2:48 p.m., 700 block Avenue B: A person is cited for being in violation of their release agreement.

5:31 p.m., 1000 block S. Downing: A disturbance is reported.

6:06 p.m., 1000 block S. Downing: Caller reports verbal argument between neighbors. Tenants are separated.

7:22 p.m., 2300 block S. Downing: A person is pulled over for a vehicle registration expiration.

Oct. 7

8:39 a.m., Police headquarters: A person came in to register as a sex offender.

6:44 p.m., 2600 block Spruce: Forgery/fraud is reported.

7:24 p.m., 1200 block S. Wahanna: Caller reports 10-year-old child left alone in a residence; police contact the parent who says they are en route to pick up the child.

8:48 p.m., 1000 block S. Downing: Civil matter.

11:47 p.m., Avenue G: A disturbance is reported.

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After a year of tremendous hardship, how do we rebuild a more interconnected, equitable, resilient Oregon? How do we help each other recover, rebuild, and restart our lives and businesses? How do we start listening to and considering each others' point-of-view? How do we inject opportunity, across the state so everyone has a chance to add to the greater good? **The answer — Together.** Join us as we learn and share how to rebuild a better Oregon, for all Oregonians.



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