

Walter Vernon Palmrose

Seaside  
March 13, 1934 — Dec. 28, 2021

A lifetime North Coast resident, Walter “Wally” Vernon Palmrose, 87, of Avamere at Seaside, where he had been a resident for the last couple of years, died on Dec. 28, 2021.

Wally was born in Astoria, and was the son of Walter and Verna Palmrose of Knappa. He graduated from Knappa High School.

On Sept. 24, 1954, in Knappa, he married Mary E. Makela.

Wally was an Oregon National Guardsman, a member of the Astoria Assembly of God Church and a John Day Diking District board member.

Wally enjoyed hunting, camping, farming and spending time with family and

friends. Wally became a journeyman auto body and fender mechanic after serving an apprenticeship with Johnson Motors in 1965.

In 1968, in the John Day area of Astoria, he started Wally’s Auto Repair business in conjunction with owning a Mobil service station. He later became a shareholder of the Astoria Plywood Corp.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four sons, Vernon, of Clatskanie, Alan, of Astoria, David, of Aloha, and Leroy, of Seaside; two sisters, Florence Peugh, of Svensen, and Hazel Bar-endse, of Wilsonville; one brother, Robert Palmrose, of Salem; five grandchildren;



and two great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be announced in the future. Memorial donations have been suggested to Lower Columbia Hospice, 2158 Exchange St., Astoria, OR., 97103. Caldwell’s Luce-Lay-ton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the cremation arrangements.

Julie Owens

Seaside  
Jan. 19, 1962 — Dec. 16, 2021

Julie Owens, age 59, of Seaside, passed away on Dec. 16, 2021.

Julie was born on Jan. 19, 1962, to Susan and Dave Ponting, in Lodi, Ohio.

After she graduated from Wadsworth High School, she went on to study pharmacy sciences at Ohio Northern University, then continued her studies, earning a doctorate of pharmacy at the Ohio State University.

After graduating, she moved to Portland for a job at Providence Portland Medical Center working as a pharmacist on the Metabolic Support Team.

She moved to Seaside in 2011 to work for Providence Seaside Hospital as an anticoagulation pharmacist, then, following completion of a master’s of science degree in pharmacy medication therapy management, she transitioned to the pharmacy manager of Providence North Coast in 2013.

More recently, she had been a leader for her community during the COVID-19 pandemic in opening and managing COVID vaccination and monoclonal antibody clinics.

In her free time she enjoyed walks along the coastline, baking cakes for her loved ones, building bonfires on the beach, caring for animals and spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Michael Ponting, and her aunt, Cynthia Caron.

She is survived by her two daughters, Kelly Purvine and Sarah Owens; son-in-law Morgon Purvine; her mother, Susan McKnight; her father, Dave Ponting; and her sister and brother-in-law, Janice and Jim Marsh, among many other close and loving family members.

Services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 8 at 2 p.m. While the capacity for the



event has reached its limit, we would welcome all those who loved her to join virtually via the following link: bit.ly/JulieOwens

Condolences may be sent to her family at: P.O. Box 516, Corbett, OR 97019

Our dear friends have started a GoFundMe, bit.ly/gofundmeJO, to finance costs of her funeral. Any remaining funds will be donated to mental health services nationwide.

Alternatively, you may make donations in Julie’s name directly to Suicide Prevention Services of America (spsamerica.org).

Muriel S. Lewis

Tolovana Park  
Sept. 1, 1931 – Nov. 18, 2021

Muriel Lewis, of Tolovana Park, passed with ease and grace on Nov. 18, 2021, from complications of Alzheimer’s disease.

Born to Mary and Lee Shanks in Kane, Illinois, Muriel’s humble beginnings included farm life and attending a one-room schoolhouse, where her mother was the teacher.

She met her husband, Alden (Lew) Lewis, when she was working at the PX at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. After a stop in Utah, they moved to Portland, where all six kids grew up.

In 1990, Muriel replaced the family getaway cabin in Cannon Beach with a huge house that was perfect for family gatherings, weddings, reunions and the bed and breakfast she ran for more than a decade. A fantastic cook, she welcomed everyone to her table.

A true Renaissance woman, Muriel was an expert seamstress; she mined for gold and cooked in a fish camp in Alaska; did estate sales; and bought and sold antiques and collectibles. She dug clams, canned tuna and could put a gourmet dinner on the table for 25 or 30 people with little notice.

Her life gave her many opportunities for travel, whether it was to Belize, China, New York, Hawaii, Paris, Alaska or Iowa, and her bags were always packed so she could go at a moment’s notice.

She loved art, and her house was full of works from well-known artists, just as her garage and yard were strewn with boogie boards, sand toys and everything that a big-hearted grandma would have so her grandchildren would always want to be there.

Muriel’s large family and friends came from all walks of life, and were drawn to her warmth, generosity and hos-

pitality. Her children, grandchildren, great-grandkids, nieces and nephews ... all wanted to spend time with her, and hang out with her at the beach, eat her famous sourdough pancakes and just BE, with one of the most influential people in their lives.

She could take a nap in the midst of family rowdiness and chaos, and she modeled unconditional love for her kids and grandkids, always managing to make each one feel like “the favorite.”

The essence of Muriel was expressed by her friend, Gail McNally: “The only disagreement we had through the many estate sales we did over the years was because Muriel always wanted to give me too much money for my share. I had to threaten to stop working with her if she kept trying to give me too large a share of the proceeds — we laughed about it many times. Her warmth and generosity bathed everyone she met in a blanket of love.”

Muriel was preceded in death by her daughter, Annette Gately, who passed away in January 2020. Her son-in-law, John Gately, of Medford, survives.

She is also survived by her remaining children and their spouses: April Lewis and Carol French, of Portland; Cliff and Janis Lewis, of Cannon Beach; Teresa Cottet, of Portland; Tom Lewis, of Seaside; and Mark and Beth Lewis, of Hillsboro.

She was devoted to her 13 grandchildren (and their spouses): Eddie and Eric; Anisha; Jordan, Walter, Ecola and Ceara; Gabe; Jake, Kaitlin and Michael; and Jonathan and Jillian. And 15 great-grandchildren: Jason, Morgan and Rudy; Skyler, Aurora and Jude; Maven and Cannon; Joel and Liam; Kali, Elijah, Joshua and Amelia; and Ruby.

Deep gratitude to Dan



Torrence and his exceptional staff at Welcome Home Communities for their loving care of Muriel. Additional thanks to the amazing hospice team from Housecall Providers and Deborah from Threadgill’s Memorial Services. Mom was cared about, and cared for, by all of these amazing providers who were committed to helping her finish a life well-lived.

There will be a celebration of her life this spring (date to be determined) at the beach. If you knew Muriel and loved her like we do, please consider yourself invited.

If you wish to make a donation in her honor, please contribute to either housecallproviders.org: “Gifts In Memory of Muriel Lewis”; or donate to one of Muriel’s favorite kid charities on the coast, the Mudd Nick Foundation, P.O. Box 250, Manzanita, OR., 97130.

Family friend Lisa Wright said, “She didn’t take up much space in the world, but she held space for everyone.” She was also a complete optimist, as demonstrated by her favorite saying: “It will all work out.” Her life stands as a shining example of generosity and grace, and her bright light will continue to radiate through her family.

She leaves an unfillable hole in the universe of her family and friends. We now have to figure out how to be in this world without her. She would remind us to be generous, be kind and to remember her other favorite saying: “I could eat.”

DEATH NOTICES

Bud Clinton Painter

Jan. 3, 2022

PAINTER, Bud Clinton, of Hamlet, died in Hamlet. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Benedine Mary Cram

CRAM, Benedine Mary, 77, of Seaside, died Dec. 29, 2021, in Seaside. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Flooding, high waves from rain and king tides

Seaside Signal

Seaside’s Department of Public Works closed some streets in downtown Seaside as a result of flooding, and blocked off the Avenue A bridge as water remained dangerously high Monday afternoon.

Neighborhoods throughout the community reported high water levels.

“It’s pretty high and we’re not quite at high tide,” Public Works Director Dale McDowell said. “We’ve had quite a bit of debris come up against the Avenue A bridge here. We went ahead and shut the bridge down as a precautionary measure.”



R.J. Marx

High water by the Seaside Civic and Convention Center after heavy rains and high tides Monday.

There’s no place for the water to go until the tide changes, McDowell said. “And we’ve had we’ve obviously got some snow melt involved with it and all the rain we’ve had.”

At the Cove, public works employees also closed off portions of Sunset Boulevard for traffic as waves of more than 11 feet crossed the roadway at high tide.

Crash damages walkway

Seaside Signal

A Warrenton man was charged after a single-vehicle crash last Thursday night. The crash, reported at 9:16 p.m., caused property damage to the city boardwalk area on the south side of First Avenue near the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

The driver, Joshua Bell, 33, was arrested for driving while under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving and criminal mischief in the first degree, as a result of the property property damages caused during the crash.

The city does not have an estimate yet of the damages,



Lou Solitske

Damaged walkway on First Avenue near the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

Public Works Director Dale McDowell said Monday. “We will be looking at

hiring a subcontractor to rebuild the sidewalk and walkway,” McDowell said.



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