

## Weston MacLeod Johnson II

Neah-Kah-Nie  
Sept. 15, 1940 — March 23, 2022



Weston (Tony) MacLeod Johnson II was a good man, a kind, generous and thoughtful man, who cared deeply for his family and friends, his country and his community. He left us on March 23, 2022, at the age of 81.

Weston MacLeod Johnson II, known since childhood as Tony, was born in San Francisco on Sept. 15, 1940, to Weston MacLeod Johnson and Doris Corum Johnson. His father was a civil engineer in the U.S. Navy and his mother was a homemaker.

His early life followed the course of his father's postings across the country, and he attended schools in San Francisco, Lake Oswego, Seattle, San Diego, Honolulu (Punahou) and Charleston, South Carolina. He graduated from high school in Long Beach, California, and then from the University of Oregon in 1963.

Certainly it was his father's influence that steered Tony into his own 30-year history with the Navy, first through two tours aboard the USS Rowan (DD-782) in Vietnam, and then through 26 years of reserve service, with two command tours, including one aboard the USS Rogers (DD-876), based in Portland. He retired as a captain in 1994. He carried the discipline and the commitment of those days throughout his life.

Tony knew that there was a right way to treat people, and it centered on kindness, respect, generosity and in always trying to do the right thing. Definitely it was that belief, as well as his paternal grandparents' missionary hearts, that led him into volunteer work throughout his professional life.

During his 33-year career with U.S. Bank, he found his service during the day as a lender and advisor to small businesses. Outside the office, he focused on his family and his volunteer work. Especially close to his heart was Outside In, an organization in Portland that helps homeless youth find a path toward health and independence. He served for more than 20 years as a mentor and board member.

Tony kept a steady bearing on what was right, and what was wrong. He did the right thing in 1988, when he helped an off-duty police officer to detain an assailant on a Portland light rail train.

He did the right thing in 1961, when he drove straight to the Eugene police station in a truck that he had "borrowed" from a remote logging road when he was the subject of a University of Oregon fraternity prank.

And, he did the right thing for many summers when he signed summer camp medi-

cal forms as "Dr. Johnson" for more than a few forgetful parents (and upset children).

He definitely did the right thing in 1963, when he proposed to Sarah E. Avery, the woman he had fallen for at the University of Oregon. They were married a year later in San Diego, and began their 57-year journey together.

Tony and Sarah raised their two sons, Chris and Michael, in Lake Oswego, and then later relocated to southwest Portland for another two decades. During these years, they renovated the family home at Neah-Kah-Nie Beach, which became their year-round home in 2016.

They loved the winter storms, the long summers and the friendships that flourish among those who share a commitment to and a respect for life in a rural community. Tony involved himself in the nearby village of Manzanita, where he appropriately found a niche with the North Tillamook County Library Friends organization.

He served as treasurer of the board more than once, spare hand for the annual book sale, advisor on flag protocol and all-around helper and listener.

Tony cherished the people and landscape of the North Coast, and especially his home at Neah-Kah-Nie Beach. He loved filling it with the work of Northwest artists, good food and warm conversation. There was nothing better than sitting at the table during a long meal with family and friends, watching the sun near the horizon.

He is survived by his wife Sarah; sons, Chris, of Medford, and Michael, of Portland; and his beloved Scottish terrier, "Willy."

The family suggests that his friends remember him with a few glasses of wine, and perhaps a donation to the North Coast Land Conservancy or the Lower Nehalem Community Trust; two organizations dedicated to preserving the region that he loved so much.

A service is planned for May 21 at 1 p.m. at St. Catherine Episcopal Church in Nehalem.

Raili Helena Vedenoja (née Rahkola) was born on Oct. 22, 1933, in Kalajoki, Finland, and slept away peacefully to her eternal reward on May 3, 2022, at her home in Astoria.

Raili grew up on a farm in rural Finland, learning from a young age the importance of hard work and family. She spent her early years in the company of a large extended family, forging relationships that would endure across continents and decades as cousins and extended relatives immigrated to the U.S. and Canada.

Raili met the love of her life, Reino, in Kalajoki, and they were married on Aug. 29, 1954. They planned to spend the rest of their lives together, with Reino passing less than a week before their 64th wedding anniversary.

Together, Reino and Raili were the parents of seven children, and while Reino built a small business, Raili focused on creating a home for their growing family.

In 1970, Raili and Reino visited her brother, Antti Rahkola, in Astoria, falling in love with the Oregon Coast and determined to bring their family to find new oppor-

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tunities. They immigrated with their entire family a year later, forging a tight-knit connection with the Rahkola family.

Raili was a woman of quiet strength and grace during times of adversity. After immigrating, she took on new work in a cannery, then as a caregiver. And, she was the bedrock of the family when tragedy struck and daughter Maija was tragically killed in a car crash at age 19.

In the aftermath of such heartbreak, Raili found a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Her faith and her family were her guiding lights for the rest of her life. Together with her husband, she hosted home worship services for the Finnish Free Evangelical Church, sharing her home, her warmth and her amazing food with all who wished to join.

After the passing of her beloved husband in 2018, Raili found contentment with her family, including special visits to Kauai, to see her granddaughter's organic farm, and to Canada, to see friends and relatives.

A woman of unshakeable faith, she was comforted in

the end to be reunited with her beloved husband and daughter, and a crowd of witnesses to salvation through Jesus Christ.

Raili was preceded in passing by her husband, Reino; daughter, Maija; son-in-law, Jeff Shepard; and grandson, AJ.

She is survived by her children, Marju (Vaughn) Jaakola, Lasse (Melissa) Vedenoja, Arja Shepard, Eeva (Paul) Voeller and Sari (Dean) Hartman of Astoria, and Eija (Risto) Liias of Everett, Washington; grandchildren, Petri (Kera), Sanna (Jason), Kai (Nicki), Kimmo (Jennifer), Kirsti, Marko (Michael), Katri (Mike), Jason, Lisa (Neil), Timo (Hayden), Mika, Markus and Maija (Wyatt); great-grandchildren, Mikko, Raija, Trask, Marissa, Taylor, Gavin, Vivianna, Leo, Ciara, Josh, Grayden, Emelia, Landin, Brayden and Walker; and many other loved ones from Oregon to Finland.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Angela Naim, Dr. Paul Voeller, Lower Columbia Hospice and cousins Anne, Kaisu and Marjo for the care you provided to Raili in her final days.



There is a graveside memorial on Friday at 1 p.m. at Ocean View Cemetery, followed by a celebration of Raili's life at her home on Erie Avenue; friends and loved ones are warmly welcome to join this celebration.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you support the Astoria Rescue Mission, or a charity of your choice, in Raili's loving memory

"Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and it is not proud. Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not get upset with others. Love does not count up wrongs that have been done.

"Love takes no pleasure in evil but rejoices over the truth. Love patiently accepts all things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always endures. Love never ends."

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

### PUBLIC SAFETY LOG



#### April 23

**1:21 a.m.**, Tillamook Head Trail: Another agency is assisted.

**11:00 a.m.**, 300 block Fourth Avenue: EMS call.

**2:13 p.m.**, 1900 block Spruce Drive: EMS call.

**2:58 p.m.**, Chapman Point: Water rescue.

**4:25 p.m.**, 1900 block Spruce Drive: Caller reports

### DEATH NOTICES

#### Keven Marshall

May 1, 2022

MARSHALL, Keven, 71, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary of Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

#### Harold Roy Beatty

April 28, 2022

BEATTY, Harold Roy, 80, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

"weird guy who came up and talked to her."

**8:36 p.m.**, 2100 block Thompson Falls Drive: Fire investigation.

#### April 24

**11:49 a.m.**, 800 block 16th Avenue: Fire investigation.

**1:29 p.m.**, 12th and Necanicum:

A disturbance is reported.

**1:48 p.m.**, First and Columbia: Police receive a call for a welfare check on multiple dogs reported locked inside a car. On arrival, police saw the window was cracked, the interior was cool, and it was 54 degrees outside. It was noted the dogs were all wearing matching shirts.

**6:17 p.m.**, Ecola Park Road/Indian Beach: Water rescue.

#### April 25

**1:11 a.m.**, Broadway by Ace Hardware: A person is arrested on a warrant.

**1:07 p.m.**, 200 block N. Downing: Caller reports new family dog attacked old family dog.

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