

Obituaries

John Seely

A Gearhart resident for 13 years, John Franklin Seely, 77, died Friday morning in an Astoria hospital, where he had been since a car-pedestrian accident Jan. 4.

The son of Edward B. and Ella Farr Seely, he was born Sept. 6, 1899, in Lincoln, Calif. He attended University High School in Berkeley, Calif., and served in the Navy during World War I. After his discharge, he graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and went to work for the Veterans Administration in Portland until 1934.

Seely then became a Finance Officer for the Corps of Engineers and worked mostly in Walla Walla, Wash., until he retired in 1963 and moved to Gearhart, where he had since lived.

He was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church in Seaside and the Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

He married Gretchen Barkhoefer, in Stevenson, Wash., July 3, 1934. She survives him at their home in Gearhart.

Besides his wife, other survivors are a son, Douglas B. Seely, Portland; a daughter, Katherine Wright, Boise, Idaho; and a sister, Helen Boyer, Portland.

Services were Monday at Calvary Episcopal Church in Seaside, arrangements in care of Hughes-Ransom Mortuary, Seaside. Contributions may be made to the Calvary Episcopal Church Memorial Fund.

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Man dies after 3 weeks

John F. Seely, 77, of 435 NW Third, Gearhart, died Friday at Columbia Memorial Hospital from injuries suffered when he was hit by a pickup truck in downtown Astoria Jan. 4.

Seely had been in critical condition since the accident, in which he sustained chest injuries.

Astoria police said Seely was crossing Commercial Street in the middle of the block between Twelfth and Fourteenth Streets when hit by a truck driven by Rudy R. Staszek, 31, of 436 Eleventh St., Seaside.

Police said an automobile stopped in the left lane to let Seely pass, blocking Staszek's view of him.

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