

Art Israelson

In memoriam: Speaking of human cornerstones who dealt with life's challenges, Art Israelson died at home last Sunday.

Israelson was resolute in his uncompromising love of fishing, education and conservation, and tireless in his advocacy.

A nearly lifelong member of both the Association of Northwest Steelheaders and the Oregon Bass and Panfish Club, his was a familiar sight at banquets, events and the Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show, where he peddled raffle tickets, shook hands with strangers and sold his brand of camaraderie and optimism.

This despite bad legs, heart and a lifetime worn thin by mountain rescues and challenges to the Legislature and state managers to make fishing worthwhile, and keep Oregon's rivers accessible to all.

His widow, Kathryn (herself a cornerstone of his support), said the family will host a "casual" memorial at Glenn Otto Park, time TBA.

Meanwhile, feel free to send her cards and notes of support at P.O. Box 1020, Fairview, OR 97204.

-- Bill Monroe for The Oregonian/OregonLive

NOTE: The memorial referred to above is set for November 16, 2019 in the afternoon. When we have a set start time, we will post it here.

