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## INTRODUCTION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Obituaries listed within does not include all deaths in the Kern River Valley, only those published in the 'Kern Valley Sun' newspaper. The first year available and copied was 1969 and this is a continuing project.

The gathering of Obituaries in book form was compiled through the efforts of the Clan Diggers Genealogical Society of the Kern River Valley, with the permission of the publishers of the 'Kern Valley Sun' newspaper. We would like to express our appreciation to these publishers for their cooperation, without which we could never have started this project.

It is our hope that this gathering of Obituaries will simplify the search for information on the relatives or friends that have gone before us and will further the interest in Genealogy.

The SURNAME INDEX includes only the name of the person deceased and does not include other persons that may be mentioned in the obituaries.

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THIS PROJECT IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF  
MAMIE FRANCES (CARPENTER) HENDRICKS



Mamie F. Hendricks

Memorial services were held Thursday, November 17, 1994 at the Library in Lake Isabella for Mamie F. Hendricks of Lake Isabella. Mamie was born August 17, 1913 in St. Joseph, Missouri and passed away November 9, 1994 in Mt. Mesa.

Mamie was married to Steve Hendricks in 1932 and had 49 years together until he passed away in 1981.

She was a clerk at the U.S. Post Office in San Jose for 20 years before retiring in 1978. Mamie was a member of the NARF, Senior Nutrition, the Clan Diggers and the NSDAR.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law Alice and Cecil Dale of Lake Isabella; her brother-in-law and sister-in-law John and Judy Hendricks of Mt. View, Calif.; also many neices and nephews and grand neices and grand nephews. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary

NSDAR

The Kawaiisu chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution held a memorial service for Mamie Hendricks on Nov 17 at the Library in Lake Isabella. The service was presented by Marian Adkins, Regent. Attending the service were her sister, Alice and Cecil Dale of Lake Isabella and family; brother-in-law John and Marie Hendricks of Mt. View, Calif., and family; and three neices, Mamme and Mike Markieviez of Albuquerque, N.M. and family, Janet and Robert Gibson of San Jose and family, and Cherrie Rubnankara and son of Sacramento. Also present were many friends and members of the NARF, Clan Diggers, NSDAR, and Senior Nutrition. Mamie was a charter member of the Senior Nutrition organization. Nadelle Getting announced that Mamie's name would be placed on a plaque at the Senior Center in Lake Isabella. Mamie was an active and faithful member of our chapter. The offices she held in four years as a member were Chaplain, Registrar, Lineage Research, Membership and press book chairman. During the memorial service red, white, and blue carnations were placed by our members. The hall was decorated in red, white, and blue. Refreshments were served by Phyllis Piper and Marge Laskowski.

Thursday  
Jan. 4, 1973

## OBITUARY

### Mrs. Crum

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 22 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Lucille Crum, 67, who died Dec. 19 of heart disease in her Lake Isabella home. Internment followed in Kern Valley Cemetery with the Rev. Louis Gerdes officiating.

Mrs. Crum was born June 20, 1906 in Cisco, Texas. She had lived in Kern Valley with her husband for five years.

Her husband died one week after her death.

She is survived by her brother, H. Frank Meadows of San Angelo, Texas; and her sister Mrs. J.W. Patterson of Castroville, Texas.

### Crum

Graveside services were held Dec. 29 at Kern Valley Cemetery for James Crum, 64, who died Dec. 26 at his home. The Kern River Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars officiated.

Crum was born Oct. 13, 1908 in Idaho. He was a retired grip man for RKO Studios in Burbank. He has lived in California 45 years, including five years in Lake Isabella.

Crum is survived by one brother, Robert Crum of Burbank.

Determination of cause of death has not been made because toxicological studies by the Kern County Coroner's office have not been completed.

### Grasse

Funeral services were conducted for Philip W. Grasse, 67, of South Lake Estates, on Jan. 2 at Scovern Mortuary in Glendale.

Grasse died of valley fever Dec. 27 at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield.

He had lived in the valley for three years. He was born in Paonia, Colorado and worked for Security Termite Control Service in Glendale for 30 years.

He was a member of the Order of Moose Glendale Lodge 641 and Woodsmen of the World.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel Grasse, of South Lake Estates; two sisters: Mildred Karpowski and Gladys Crawford, both of Colorado; and one brother, Leo Grasse of Colorado.

Thursday  
Jan. 4, 1973

## OBITUARY

### Fleming

Graveside funeral services were conducted Thursday at Rose Hills in Whittier for Mrs. Ina Fleming, 74, of Wofford Heights.

Mrs. Fleming was born in Arkansas, came to California about 55 years ago, lived in Maywood 33 years and last lived in Wofford Heights.

She was a past president of Maywood American Legion Post Auxillary No. 223 and a Southeast Gold Star Mother.

Survivors include her husband, Bill; a daughter, Mary Fleming of Downey; a son, Bruce of Covina; a grandson, Dean Fleming of Downey; and three sisters of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

### Werner

Funeral services were conducted Jan. 2 at the Weldon United Methodist Church for Marjorie Werner, 65 who died Dec. 30 in Ridgecrest Community Hospital of natural causes.

Internment followed in Kern Valley Cemetery with the Rev. Mark Stahnke and members of the Ridgecrest Eastern Star officiating.

Mrs. Werner was born Sept. 19, 1907 in Chicago, Ill. She has lived in Kern County 27 years, and was the retired owner of the Cane Brake Inn. She owned the inn 17 years. Prior to that she worked in housing on China Lake Naval Air Base. She was a member of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Werner is survived by her husband, Herbert "Slim" Werner, of Onyx; two sons: Kurt Werner of Van Nuys, and Herbert Werner of Buena Park; her daughter, Mrs. Wanda Gallio of Ontario; three brothers: Tilford Land of Novato, Ca, Kenneth Land, and James Land of Pennsylvania, two sisters: Mrs. Elizabeth Stevenson of Illinois, and Jean Clifford of Mill Valley, Ca; and three grandchildren.

Thursday  
Jan. 11, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Bradbury**

Private funeral services were conducted recently for Ethel Bradbury, 90, who died Dec. 31 of natural causes. Burial was in a family plot in San Luis Obispo.

Mrs. Bradbury was born in Albright, West Virginia in 1882. She and her husband had lived in Fairview for 20 years. Bradbury passed away in 1965. Mrs. Bradbury has lived with her daughter for the past three years at their home in Fairview.

Mrs. Bradbury is survived by three daughters: Olive Hosford of San Francisco; Mary Ritchery of San Luis Obispo; and Dorothy Worthington of Fairview; and her sister Kay Haynes of Fairview.

**Sullivan**

Funeral services were conducted Jan. 9 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Anna Marie Sullivan, 69, who died Jan. 7 of natural causes in Beverly Manor Guest Home in Bakersfield. Internment followed in Kern Valley Cemetery with the Rev. Archie Miller officiating.

Mrs. Sullivan, more commonly known as "Wormy Annie," was born December 28, 1903, in Ohio. She has lived in Bodfish for 25 years where she owned a little antique shop just this side of the flume for 20 years, until she became ill and retired. She was the 1971 Lady of the Lake.

Mrs. Sullivan is survived by her sister Blanche Brock of Ontario, Calif.

Thursday  
Jan. 18, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Ruth E. Miller**

Graveside services were conducted Jan. 15 at Little Lake Cemetery in Santa Fe Springs, Ca. for Ruth Elva Miller, 75, who died Jan. 11 at Kern General Hospital in Bakersfield of natural causes. The Anaheim Rebekah Lodge officiated.

Mrs. Miller was born Dec. 13, 1897 in Norwalk, Ca. She had lived 75 years in California, 12 years of which were spent in the valley. Mrs. Miller was a member of Rebekah Lodge.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald Miller of Lake Isabella; two sisters: Edna Chamberlin of North Hollywood; and Ellen Johnston of Payette, Idaho; and a foster daughter, Jean Marie Miller of Lake Isabella.

**Glenn Bennett**

Funeral services were conducted Jan. 12 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Glenn Roy Bennett, 64, who died Jan. 9 in Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield of natural causes. Internment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery with the Rev. Dale Brown officiating. Soloist was Ruth Denney.

Bennett was born March 25, 1908. He was a retired barber. Bennett lived in the state 30 years and in the valley 18 months, at which time he resided at 4120 Balboa in Lake Isabella.

He is survived by two daughters: Glenda Doughman of Yreka, Ca; and Barbara Jostrom of Markola, Ore.; seven brothers: Raymond of Lake Isabella; Alfred of Duman, Texas; George of Carnegie, Okla.; Leo of Tucumcari, N.M.; Orville of Amarillo, Texas; Eugene of Cyril, Okla.; and Ralph of Oklahoma City; two sisters: Verna Tulley of Carnegie, Okla.; and Floy Pitt of Hydro, Okla.; and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Norman Halverson, Elwin Vernon, Howard Curry, Burt Clements, Hollis Roland, and his two sons-in-law, Doughman and Jostrom.

Thursday  
Feb. 1, 1973

OBITUARY

## *Audrey Hall*

Funeral services were conducted Jan. 31 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Audrey Hall, 56, who died Jan. 29 in her home of a heart attack. Local order of the Eastern Star officiated. Internment is today at the Hollywood Cemetery in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Hall was born in Los Angeles, December 19, 1916. She had lived in the area six years, and was owner of Don's Crossroads for the first five. She was a member of the Eastern Star and the Golden Slippers, and resided at 2716 Steenson Street in Lake Isabella.

Survivors include her husband, Harry, of Lake Isabella; a daughter, Patricia Mac Gregor of Camarillo; her mother, Margaret Whitcomb of Los Angeles; and three grandchildren.

## *Margaret Smith*

Funeral services were conducted Jan. 29 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Margaret Anna Smith, 69, who died Jan. 27 at Kern Valley Hospital of a heart attack. Internment was Jan. 30 Kern Valley Cemetery with the Rev. Willard Vanfossen officiating.

Mrs. Smith was born May 8, 1903 in Connecticut. She was a retired lab technician for Unitek Corporation in Monrovia, Ca. She had lived in the valley two and a half years and during that time was a member of the Kern River Valley Gem and Mineral Society. Mrs. Smith resided at No. 1 Dawn Place in Southlake.

Survivors include her husband Troy of Southlake; a son Francis Murphy of Connecticut; two daughters; June White of Montebello, Ca., and Margaret McMasters of Anchorage, Alaska; one sister, Lillian Fryer of Chicago, Ill.; and 11 grandchildren.

Thursday  
Feb. 8, 1973

OBITUARY

## *Mrs. Ted Johnson*

Mrs. Ted Johnson, a former long time resident of the Kern River Valley, passed away Jan. 21 at Grover City. Services were held Jan. 25 at Greenlawn Chapel, Bakersfield with Rev. Dale Brown officiating.

Lila and Ted Johnson moved to this Valley early in the fifties and built a home in Kernvale after Ted retired from the city of Beverly Hills, where he had charge of all automotive equipment.

Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by her husband.

## *C. J. 'Gus' Roussin*

Rosary will be held this evening at Valley Mortuary Chapel for C.J. "Gus" Roussin, 75, who died at Kern Valley Hospital Feb. 5. Requiem Mass will be at St. Jude's Church in Wofford Heights, 10:30 a.m. Friday. Internment will follow at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Roussin was a native of El Paso, Tex. He was a veteran of World War I, where he served in the Navy as a radio officer, and also of WW II where he served with the Air Forces in the Pacific Theater as a communications Officer. He was a member of Hollywood Legion Post No. 43 for 50 years, and a member of Carpenters Union Local No. 1052. Roussin had been a resident of Mountain Mesa for nine years.

Survivors include his wife Edna; and relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Outhier and Martha J. Morehouse.



Thursday  
Feb. 15, 1973

OBITUARY

## John B. Mathis

Services for John B. Mathis Jr., 69, Lake Isabella, will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Hillcrest Memorial Chapel in Bakersfield, with Rev. R. Dale Brown, First Baptist Church, Lake Isabella, officiating.

Internment will follow in the Hillcrest Memorial Park, Bakersfield. Mathis died February 12 in a Bakersfield hospital. Survivors include his wife, Pearl; two sons, Don, Whittler, Ca.; Allen, Cerritos, Ca., and two daughters, Mrs. Bobby Jean Monds, Downey, and Mrs. Sue Elcher, Lake Isabella.

Mathis also leaves to mourn his death, three brothers, two sisters and eight grandchildren. The deceased was a resident of Lake Isabella for the past seven years.

Hillcrest Mortuary, Bakersfield, is in charge of arrangements.

Thursday  
Feb. 22, 1973

OBITUARY

## Ronald J. Zimmerman

Ronald Zimmerman was born in Los Angeles in 1916, and died February 18, in St. Joseph's Hospital, Orange, Calif.

In 1963 Ronald, and his wife Louise, purchased property in Wofford Heights and built a home, moving to the Valley permanently in 1964.

He joined the Independent Order of Oddfellows, Kernville Lodge No. 251 in 1968, and at the time of his death was Vice-Grand of the Lodge.

In 1967 Ronald became a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 7665, and was Adjutant in 1968-69.

He assisted in organizing the Kern Valley Historical Society, was a Past President of that organization.

During World War II, Ronald served his country as an Anti-aircraft Gunner, and he also served nine years in the National Guard.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Peak Family Mortuary, Westminster, Calif. Services will be held in the Valley Mortuary Chapel, Lake Isabella, 2:00 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24. The Independent Order of Oddfellows will conduct the Chapel service with Raymond Kirkpatrick, Noble Grand; Eddie Metz, Chaplain; and Leland Scott will give the Eulogy.

Pall bearers will be: Leland Scott, Charles Newberry, Gus Suhre, Leo Veale, Slim Barnes, and Wm. Coombs.

Graveside services will be conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7665, assisted by their Ladies Auxillary, World War II Barracks No. 1841, and Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 54.

Thursday

March 1, 1973

## OBITUARY

GRAVESIDE RITES HELD FOR  
PIONEER RESIDENT

Graveside services were held Tuesday for Mrs. Walker Rankin, 81 of Walker Basin, member of a pioneer Kern County family for whom many landmarks in the Southern San Joaquin Valley are named. Services were 2 p.m. at graveside on the Walker Rankin Ranch in Walker Basin. Mrs. John Eckhardt officiated.

Mrs. Rankin was born Oct. 23, 1891 on the Nicholas John Williams Ranch in Walker Basin. She was clerk of the board of the Caliente School from 1951-1952 and was awarded a certificate of recognition and appreciation as a trustee of the Caliente Union School District. She also was awarded the Golden Apple, a teaching award. Well known for her cooking, she was active as a member of the Cow Belles and instrumental in the compilation of the organization's cook book, Chuck's On, first published about 15 years ago. The Cow Belles, Kern County Cattle-men's Auxiliary, named her Cow Belle of the Year in 1965.

Mrs. Rankin also was active in working for the Indians in the area by helping to secure their lands. She instituted a campaign to raise money to be used to repurchase land originally sold from them. The land is now governed by a board for the Indians for their use.

She also was an active member of the First Church of Christ Scientist, Wofford Heights and past president of the 7th District PTA.

Mrs. Walker and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Rankin Ranch in 1964. Survivors include the widower; 2 daughters, Alice Rankin Beard of El Paso, Tex. and Raechell Rankin Parker of Honolulu, Hawaii; 7 grand children, Rob Roy Rankin Beard, John Rankin Beard, Walker Rankin Beard, William Rankin Parker, Dodge Rankin Parker, Mary Lou Beard, Linda Lou Parker Meadows 4 great-grandchildren; a brother L.E. Williams of Caliente; 2 sisters, Virginia Black of Caliente and Beatrix Rowley of Fallbrook.

Pallbearers were her grandsons and sons-in-law, Robert W. Beard and William F. Parker.

Memorials may be made to the building fund of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Wofford Heights.



Thursday  
Mar. 8, 1973

OBITUARY

### *Margie Page*

Margie Page, co-founder of the Kern Valley Sun, passed away last week at the Downey Community Hospital in Downey after a long illness.

With her husband, Jim, she helped to establish Page Products Inc., an advertising specialty manufacturing company which is still in business in South Gate, Calif. Following semi-retirement from this activity in 1969 the couple came to the Valley, built the building in Kernville presently occupied by the Sun, installed a complete printing plant, and began publication of the paper in November of that year.

She was active in the management of the paper for two years, until it was sold to new publishers in December, 1961, but maintained her residence in the Valley for several years, until her health made it impossible for her to travel back and forth from Downey any longer.

She was born in Spokane, Washington, on March 12, 1903, and was married on May 29, 1924 in Los Angeles. There are two children; a son Gordon and a daughter Patricia, and four grandchildren.

In accordance with her specific instructions there was no funeral. Following cremation, her ashes were strewn over the ocean.

Thursday  
Mar. 15, 1973

OBITUARY

### *William I. Stewart*

Rosary will be said on Thursday, March 15 at 8 pm at the St. Francis Catholic Church in Bakersfield, for William I. Stewart, 69, who passed away on March 13 at the Shady Manor Convalescent Hospital in Bakersfield. Mass will be said at 10 am on Friday and interment will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Stewart was born August 15, 1903 in Weir, Mississippi and moved to Kern County 42 years ago. He was Postmaster in Kernville for 22 years and was a resident of the Valley for 30 years. For a time he was a probation officer at Camp Owen. He was a charter president of the Kernville Lion's Club and a charter member of the Kernville Rotary Club.

Stewart is survived by his wife, Mildred, of Bakersfield; one daughter, Joan S. Aldrich of Glendale; one brother, Joseph M. of San Luis Obispo; and two sisters, Mrs. J.J. Lowe and Mrs. Clark Jackson, both of Mississippi. Arrangements by Hillcrest Mortuary.

Thursday  
Mar. 22, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Milburn E. Jackson**

Services were held at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella on Tuesday, March 20 at 1 p.m. for Milburn E. (Bud) Jackson, 60, of Lake Isabella who passed away on March 16 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Dale Brown officiated at the memorial rites. Interment followed at the Kern Valley District Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Jackson was born July 31, 1912 in Missouri. He lived in the state of Illinois for nearly 25 years before moving to California. In Los Angeles he was employed as a construction inspector and for eight years he worked for the City of Los Angeles as a building inspector.

Bud loved to hunt and fish and he had been a regular visitor to the Kern River Valley since 1957. In May, 1966, Bud and Edna opened Jackson's Ready To Wear in Lake Isabella and became friendly and familiar members of the community. Bud was a charter member of the Elks Lodge, and an active and enthusiastic director in the Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce and the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce. He participated in all civic affairs and took a deep interest in the growth of the Valley.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Carrie Jackson, Bakersfield; his widow, Edna; two sons, Robert of Las Vegas and Richard of Los Angeles; one brother, William C. Jackson of San Juan Puerto Rico; and four grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
March 22, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Thomas G. Gribbin**

Services were held at the Valley Mortuary Chapel on March 19 for Thomas George Gribbin, 65, of Lake Isabella. Rev. Willard Vanfossen officiated at the chapel service and the Brothers of B.P.O.E. No. 2358 conducted the graveside ceremony. Interment followed in the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Gribbin was born in Sacramento, California on December 9, 1907 and he passed away on March 15 at the Kern Valley Hospital. He had lived in the Kern River Valley since 1951 and retired after 15 years as Group Supervisor at Camp Owen. Gribbin served in the United States Navy for four years and was discharged in 1944. He was a member of the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Opal of Lake Isabella; one brother, William Gribbin of Lancaster; one sister, Mrs. Frances Pappen of Coffeyville, Kansas; one daughter, Delores Martin of Rialto; two stepsons, Richard Carlberg of Omaha and Donald Carlberg of Waterloo, Iowa; and eleven grandchildren and one great grandchild. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Mar. 29, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Jacquelyn Blomgren**

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 30 in the Calvary Chapel, 3730 Greenville Ave., Santa Ana for Mrs. Jacquelyn Virginia Blomgren, 44, who died March 26. Rev. Charles Smith will officiate at the chapel services and interment will follow at Westminster Memorial Park.

Mrs. Blomgren was born on September 12, 1928 in California, she was killed instantly in a single vehicle traffic accident early Monday evening, March 26, in Long Beach.

She is survived by her husband, Richard, of Lake Isabella; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest B. Webb of Seal Beach; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E.P. Carroll of Los Angeles; one sister, Pattie Jean Webb of Seal Beach; one son, Robert L. Carter, Jr. of Los Angeles; two daughters, Linda Wilson of Norwalk and Diane Carter of Long Beach; and one grandchild, Darcy Wilson. Arrangements by Peake Family Mortuary.

## KERN VALLEY SUN

Thursday  
Apr. 5, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Mary M. Crowder**

Funeral services were conducted March 31 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Mary Marguerite Crowder, 77, who died March 28 in Memorial Hospital in Bakersfield. Interment followed in Kern Valley Cemetery with the Rev. Mark Stahnke officiating.

Mrs. Crowder was born in Coffeeville, Kansas Sept. 27, 1895. She was a retired office manager in Redondo, and an eight year resident of the valley. She made her home at 2125 Reeder, Lake Isabella. Mrs. Crowder was an active member of the 55 Plus Club.

Survivors include her husband, Willis Earl; her daughter, Ruth Martin of Redondo Beach; and three grandchildren.

**Carl E. Craft**

Services were held at the Valley Mortuary Chapel on April 4 for Carl Edward Craft, 52, who passed away on March 30 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Willard Vanfossen, pastor of the Kernville Community Methodist Church, officiated at the service. Interment followed in the Kern Valley District Cemetery at Wofford Heights.

Craft was born on April 11, 1920 in Illinois. He came to California in 1923 and at the time of his death he was a retired machinist. He had worked for many years for Drake Brothers in Maywood, California. He had lived in the Valley only three months.

He is survived by his wife, Lorene of Onyx; one son, Jim Dobbins of Onyx; one daughter, Evelyn Lane of Hacienda Heights; one sister, Helen Miller of Southgate; and fourteen grandchildren.

Thursday  
Apr. 5, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Robert T. Wilson**

Graveside services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, April 2, 1973 in memory of Robert Ted Wilson, 68, of Bodfish. The service was directed by Sister Jeannette Kastorff, C.A. of the Episcopal Church Army.

Mr. Wilson passed away on March 28 in Van Nuys and memorial services were held in the Good Shepherd Chapel of J.T. Oswald Mortuary in North Hollywood. Father James E. Fenwick, pastor of St. Davids Episcopal Church in North Hollywood officiated.

Born in Jackson, Ohio, May 16, 1905, "Ted" lived most of his life in Wheeling, West Virginia until coming to Southern California in 1957.

A member of the Teamsters Union for more than 42 years, he was truly a "Knight of the Road". He received three meritorious awards from the National Safety Council, many annual awards from FRUEHAUF Truck and Trailer Co. representing 100,000 accident free miles traveled in their employ.

Upon coming to California in 1957 he associated with O.N.C. (Oregon-Nevada-Calif.) Freight Lines and retired in 1970 after 13 years of accident free driving.

The Wilsons first moved to Bodfish in 1965 as part time residents, and permanently in 1971.

Ted was a member of the Moose Lodge and Fraternal Order of Eagles in Elm Grove, West Virginia. Survivors include his wife, Doris Jewett Wilson, Bodfish, daughter Roberta and granddaughter Nannette (Missy) of Van Nuys, Calif. Also surviving is a brother Gerald Wilson and family of West Virginia.

Pall Bearers at the burial service were: Gene Holmes, Lake Isabella; V.R. Coates, Bodfish; Douglas Farrell, Beverly Hills; Albert C. Gates, Bodfish; C.E. Donaldson, Bodfish; Jules Arguin, So. Lake Estates.

Thursday  
Apr. 5, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Marshall C. Norris**

Memorial services were held at Valley Mortuary Chapel on April 3 for Marshall C. Norris, 71, who died March 30 in Kern Valley Hospital. Masonic Lodge members and Rev. Willard Vanfossen officiated at the services. Interment was held in Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield.

Norris was born in Texas Feb. 18, 1902. He was a retired foreman for Abotti Produce in El Centro. He had been a resident of California 49 years, and for the past 4 years he has resided at 3000 Erskine Creek Road in Lake Isabella.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby; two daughters: Peggy Webb of San Francisco; and Margaret Flannigan of El Centro; one brother William Norris of Arvin; four sisters: Leona Stone of Arvin; Owna May Goodman of Modesto; Victoria Hudson of Russellville, Arkansas; Ethel Upchurch of Holdenville, Arkansas; and seven grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Apr. 19, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Alvin K. Winslow**

The many friends of Alvin K. (Slim) Winslow were saddened to learn of his death on Sunday, March 25, 1973 at Ridgecrest Community Hospital.

He was born in Ware, Mass., in 1902.

As a young man, he joined the Navy, serving from 1919 to 1921. He had a tour of duty on the Battleship Texas and was a 10-point veteran. Settling in the Kernville area, he became an expert horseman, riding in rodeos and learning ranch work. Married to Sylvia Canning in 1936, the couple began to develop the 640 acres of rugged mountain land which Slim had homesteaded in Bodfish Canyon.

Slim continued his outdoor active life, ranching and stunt riding for the many western motion pictures made in the Kernville area, including the one titled "Wells Fargo." He was an early member of the Screen Actors Guild.

When Sylvia's oil paintings began to be recognized, Slim dedicated most of his time to furthering her career as an artist. He became an expert guide on their many sketching trips and a talented frame maker in addition to maintaining the ranch. In 1960, after Sylvia had a serious illness from paint poisoning, the Winslows, with daughter Susan, then age 12, moved to China Lake. Slim, who had learned the machinists trade while in the Navy, worked first in the Public Works Department, then at the Salt Wells Pilot Plant. He transferred to the Engineering Department in 1964 and worked there until his retirement in 1965.

The exploration and sketching trips took on a new dimension when Slim became a pilot, trading 20 acres of homestead for an Aercoupe. Desert canyons, dry lakes and mountains would be scouted from the air followed by ground expeditions in their faithful jeep, "Little Peta."

As an early and reliable member of the Civil Air Patrol, Slim served for seven years, scouring the desert and mountains on many rescue missions.

When the Maturango Museum was in the development stage, his willingness and skill with tools and materials was of great help in creating the structures for exhibits and displays in record time. Slim was awarded a life membership in the Museum in 1964 for his valued contributions.

Since retirement, the Winslows had for several years a summer home near Durango, Colorado. They returned to the Indian Wells Valley every winter to see and visit with their friends. Slim is survived by his wife, Sylvia and daughter Susan who lives in Black Canyon, Arizona.

Thursday  
Apr. 19, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Reed Fisher**

Memorial services were held at the Valley Mortuary Chapel on Wednesday, April 18 for Reed Fisher, 54, of Wofford Heights who died April 15 at the Victor Valley Hospital in Victorville. The Kern River Valley B.P.O.E. No. 2358 officiated at the graveside services. Interment followed at the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Fisher was born October 16, 1918. He moved to California 19 years ago where he was in business for himself. He moved to the Valley in 1969 and purchased The Duck Blind in Lake Isabella. Reed was active in community affairs and helped to promote the reconstruction of Uffert Park. In recent months, ill health had kept him confined to his home for part of every day. He kept track of the comings and goings of his friends during his hours at The Duck Blind or a familiar corner of The Diner.

He is survived by his wife, Annie; one son, Albert Reed Fisher of Michigan; one daughter, Phyllis Medley of Los Angeles; two sisters, Elizabeth Boswell and Josephine Crice of Kent, Ohio; and six grandchildren.

Thursday  
Apr. 26, 1973

OBITUARY

## Francis G. Fikel

Services are pending for Francis G. Fikel, 52, of Bellflower who passed away on April 23 in Parker, Arizona. Fikel had spent the past six months in the Kern River Valley working with his father, Albert.

Fikel was born on April 20, 1921 in San Pedro. He was in the home improvement business based in Bellflower for many years, and had recently come to the Valley to assist his father in the real estate business. He was a member of the Elks Lodge in Downey and a Shriner.

He is survived by his father, Albert P. of Wofford Heights; his wife, Alice; one son, Jerry of Bellflower; and one sister, Donna of Tuscon.

Thursday  
Apr. 26, 1973

OBITUARY

## Virginia Lynaugh

Graveside services will be held at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Thursday, at 2:30 p.m., for Virginia L. Lynaugh, 62, of 32 Burlando Rd., Kernville, who died April 13, in a Bakersfield hospital.

Rev. Henry Wells, of The First United Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Mrs. Lynaugh was born in Lincoln, Neb., and has resided in County for the past 8 years. She is survived by her brother O. S. Bud Loomis of Ontario, Ore., Hillcrest Mortuary Funeral Directors.

Thursday  
Apr. 26, 1973

OBITUARY

## Marguerite Malaer

Services are pending for Mrs. Marguerite Malaer, 67, of Kernville who died following an automobile accident on April 23. Mrs. Malaer and her husband, Edward, were returning to the Valley after the Easter holiday, when they were involved in a two car collision near Onyx. Mrs. Malaer was taken to Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield where she passed away six hours later.

Services will be held at the Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier sometime next week. Memorial services will be held for Mrs. Malaer in the Kern River Valley in the near future to be conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ladies Auxiliary, Post 7665. Mrs. Malaer was the president of the organization.

Notice of services planned in Mrs. Malaer's memory will be carried in this newspaper as soon as all arrangements have been confirmed.



Thursday  
May 3, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Marguerite Malaer**

Graveside services were held at the Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier on April 29 at 2:30 p.m. for Mrs. Marguerite Malaer, 66, of Kernville. Mrs. Malaer died on April 23 in Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield as the result of a traffic accident in the Kern River Valley earlier that day. Rev. E. Lee Wilhelm, Methodist minister, officiated at the service.

Mrs. Malaer was born in Illinois on June 3, 1906 and was a resident of Kernville at the time of her death. She was president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7665 and she will be honored in a special memorial service at the 10th District meeting in Rosamond on May 6.

Members of the local chapter of the Auxiliary paid homage to Mrs. Malaer during a chapter meeting on May 1 at the Veterans Hall in Lake Isabella. The charter was draped in her memory during the meeting.

Mrs. Malaer is survived by her husband, Edward L. Malaer, who is still hospitalized in critical condition at Mercy Hospital. She is also survived by two daughters, Carol Wright of New Mexico and Elaine Cook of Orange; one brother, John Hipple and five grandchildren. Arrangements by Rose Hills Mortuary.

Thursday  
May 10, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Mary M. Matlock**

Services were conducted for Mary Margaret Matlock in Fairfield, California on April 13, 1973.

Mrs. Matlock was a long time resident of Old Kernville. She owned and operated a cafe there for several years. She was an active member in Kernville Rebekah Lodge No. 365.

She was born in Colorado on June 6, 1886, and recently resided in a rest home in Fairfield.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Margie Harris of Chicago, Illinois and Mrs. Eddie Conrick of Fairfield; several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Thursday  
May 10, 1973

## VALLEY WOMAN DROWNS

CYNTHIA COMER JONES, 29, of Bodfish was apparently drowned while swimming near the end of the boat dock at Paradise Cove about 2 p.m. on Friday, May 4. Witnesses reported observing the victim swimming, and then a short time later, saw her floating about 15 ft. from the dock. Leonard Beauer of Ceres, California brought the victim to shore and attempted to revive her to no avail, Deputy Barry Aubrey responded to the call and summoned Progressive Ambulance who took the victim to KV Hospital, where she was pronounced dead on arrival. Investigation continues.



Thursday  
May 24, 1973

OBITUARY

### *Charles E. Thomas*

Memorial services were held at the Kernville community United Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 22 for Charles Earl Thomas, 77, who passed away on May 18 at Sawtelle Veterans Hospital. Rev. Willard Vanfossen officiated at the church services. Interment followed on May 23 in the Inglewood Park Cemetery in Inglewood.

He was born on August 2, 1896 and had lived in California for the past 23 years. He retired as a guard for General Petroleum Co. in Inglewood and moved to the Kern River Valley. He was active in the Kern Valley Golf club, a member of the Kernville Community United Methodist Church and belonged to the Inglewood Chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his widow, Martha of 145 Tobias Avenue in Kernville and one brother, P.A. Thomas of Nebraska.

Thursday  
June 7, 1973

### *Lake Isabella Man Killed*

MICHAEL FORD, 64, of Fremont Way in Lake Isabella died Monday in a Bakersfield hospital of injuries sustained in an accident on Joughin grade, June 3. Ford reportedly passed another car, swung back into his own lane but lost control of his vehicle and went over an embankment. Witnesses stated that the van rolled three times and Ford was ejected. Progressive Ambulance transported victim to Kern General. Jerry Wright photo.

Thursday  
May 24, 1973

OBITUARY

### *Arthur J. Carrete*

Rosary was recited at 8 p.m. on Wednesday May 23 at the Doughty-Calhoun-O'Meara Funeral Home and memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. today, May 24 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 124 Columbus Avenue in Bakersfield for Arthur James Carrete, 17, who passed away on Saturday May 19 at Memorial Hospital after an extended illness.

Burial services will be held at the Union Cemetery, King and Potamac Avenues in Bakersfield following the morning service with Msgr. Gilbert Meyer officiating.

Young Carrete was born May 29, 1955 in Bakersfield, he and his family lived in the Kern River Valley until December, 1972. Carrete was critically injured in an automobile-motorcycle accident in November and was hospitalized continuously until his death.

He is survived by his parents, Robert and Patricia Carrete; two brothers, Mario and Andrew Ben; one sister, Raquel Ann; and his grandparents, Jessie and Teofilo Carrete of Bakersfield.

Arrangements by Doughty-Calhoun-O'Meara Mortuary.

Thursday  
June 14, 1973

OBITUARY

### ***Florence Pascoe***

Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Kernville United Methodist Church for Florence Mae Pascoe, 68, 12112 Sierra Way, Kernville, founder of the Kern River Valley Business and Professional Women's Club. Mrs. Pascoe died Friday.

The Rev. Willard Vanfossen officiated with interment at Kern Valley District Cemetery.

A native of Newcastle, Colo., Mrs. Pascoe lived in California for 53 years. While in Kernville she was secretary-treasurer of Pascoe Development, Inc.

She twice was president of the Kern River Valley Business and Professional Women's Club, last serving in 1970. She also was president of the Tri-Valley District, Business and Professional Women of California in 1971.

Mrs. Pascoe was one of the founders of the Kernville Chapter of Sweet Adelines and was a charter member and charter president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 7665.

Survivors include the widower, Cecil; two sons, Don and Dick, both of Kernville and one sister, Mrs. Evelyn James of Angwin, Calif. Pallbearers were Raymond Pascoe, Kevin Pascoe, Jim Scott and Jim Sappa.

Doughty-Calhoun-O'Meara Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Thursday  
June 28, 1973

OBITUARY

### ***Barnes Infant***

Graveside services were held at 9 a.m. on June 26 for Olivia Jean Barnes, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Barnes, 200 Locust Drive, Greenhorn Mountain. Rev. Willard Vanfossen officiated at the service, interment followed in the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

The infant was born on February 4, 1973 and passed away at home on June 21, 1973. She is survived by her parents; twin brothers, Robert and Roger; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moss of Alabama; and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Barnes of Kernville.

Thursday  
July 5, 1973

OBITUARY

ANDREW WRIGHT

Services will be held on July 7, for Andrew Clark Wright of 217 Clara Street, Bodfish. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7665 will officiate in the ceremony at the Valley Mortuary at 2 p.m. with interment following at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Mr. Wright passed away on June 30 at the Kern Valley Hospital. He was born on Oct. 17, 1919 in Canada and is survived by one brother, Clark of No. Hollywood; three sons, Ronald of the Air Force, Harold of Vancouver, Wash. and Douglas of Provo, Utah; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Wright was a retired machinist and had lived in the valley 15 year, and in the state 35 years. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
July 12, 1973

OBITUARY

**Helen Hampton**

Services will be held on July 13 at 11 a.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Helen Hampton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Graham of Squirrel Valley.

Rev. Dale Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella, will officiate at the chapel ceremony. Interment will follow at the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Thursday  
July 12, 1973

OBITUARY

**Oscar Hansen**

Memorial services were held at the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Oscar John Hansen, 64, on Wednesday, July 11 at 11 a.m. Rev. Richard Magness, pastor of the Foursquare Church of Wofford Heights officiated at the ceremony. Members of the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge No. 827 conducted fraternal rites at the Chapel prior to interment in the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Hansen was born October 17, 1908 in Lincoln, Neb. and he passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital on July 9. He had been a California resident for 42 years and was a retired investigator with the Security Department at Douglas Aircraft.

Hansen moved to the Kern River Valley about five and a half years ago and was an active member of the Kern Valley Masonic Lodge and the Eastern Star.

He is survived by the widow, Vivian; one daughter, Vivian Marks of Cypress; one son, Walter of Riverside; one brother Wilhelm, of Palos Verdes; one sister, Karla Leach, of Westminster and three grandchildren.

**Meliss Trumbull**

One of Kern River Valley's dearest ladies, Meliss Trumbull, will be laid to rest on Thursday, July 12 at the old Kernville Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Mrs. Trumbull celebrated her 85th birthday in Kernville recently with old friends. She passed away on July 9 in Encino. She had been residing with her cousin, Mrs. Maxine Walker since 1971.

Graveside services will be conducted by the Rebekah Lodge, and the Noble Chapel in San Fernando handled all arrangements.

Meliss and her husband, Ross, came to the Valley in 1923 to work for Southern California Edison on the KR3 installation. Her son, Kern, was born in their tent home in the old Kern River Camp prior to the construction of the KR3 buildings. She was active in every phase of community activity and was affectionately known as "Mrs. Everything."

She served as secretary to the Kern River Valley Cemetery District for thirteen years until she retired in November, 1971.

She is survived by her cousin of Encino, and a sister in Illinois.

Thursday  
July 12, 1973

## OBITUARY

## PETE JOHNSON

Pete Johnson, 65, resident of Kernville for the past three years died suddenly of a heart attack at the Inter-Community Hospital in Fairfield, California on July 4. The Johnsons were visiting relatives at Travis Air Force Base at the time Pete was taken ill.

In lieu of services, arrangements were made by Bryan and Braker Funeral Home in Fairfield and the remains were transferred to the Fulton Mortuary in Kansas City, Kansas.

Pete was born on March 25, 1908 in Vaxbo, Sweden and came to the United States about 1928. He lived in the midwest for some time but settled in California where he was a driver for Cal Milk Tanks in Pomona, California for 24 years. He retired in 1969 and he and his wife, Georgia, moved to the Kern River Valley. Pete was an avid fisherman and many of his catches were recorded on the sports pages of the SUN during the past three years.

He is survived by his widow, Georgia; one sister, Karen Lundbery and two brothers, Ole and Johan Jonsson, all of Vaxbo, Sweden.

Thursday  
July 12, 1973

## OBITUARY

## RICHARD DEMARSE

Master Sergeant Richard Phillip Demarse, 37, passed away July 4, 1973 as the result of a boating accident in Biloxi, Mississippi. A 19 year veteran of the Air Force, he was stationed at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Demarse of Lancaster; 1 son, Richard Demarse of Pennsylvania; 1 daughter, Donna Demarse, of Pennsylvania; 1 sister, Mrs. Lorraine Young of Simi Valley; and 1 brother, Mr. Lawrence Demarse, of Lancaster. Recitation of the Rosary was held Tuesday, July 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the Murphy Mortuary, Lancaster, California. Requiem Mass was celebrated Wednesday, July 11 at Lancaster. Interment at Joshua Memorial Park, Lancaster, California. Murphy Mortuary in charge of the arrangements.

Thursday  
July 26, 1973

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#### LESLIE L. PROVENCHER

Memorial services were held at the Valley Mortuary Chapel at 1 p.m. on July 23 for Leslie Louis Provencher, 75, who passed away on July 22 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Ernest Broder of Seventh Day Adventist Church, officiated at the service. Interment was at Hartley District Cemetery in Lakeport, California at 11 am on July 24. Mr. Provencher was born November 6, 1897 in Michigan. He had lived in the Valley for one year and in the state of California for the past 37 years. He had a distinguished background in hospital administration in southern California. At the time of his retirement he had served as administrator of the Lakeside Community Hospital in Lakeport for thirty years. He is survived by his son, Lowell, of Kernville; one sister, Lillian Rochfort of Olympia, Washington; four grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

#### ELIJAH TURNAGE

Services were held for Elijah Joseph Turnage, 70, at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella on Wednesday, July 25 at 3 pm. Rev. Dale Brown, pastor, officiated at the service. Interment followed in the Kern Valley District Cemetery. Turnage was born on February 2, 1903 in Hope, Arkansas and he died on July 22 at the Kern Valley Hospital. He lived in California for the past 15 years where he was employed by the Hevig-Rheinolt Industries in Huntington Beach. He and his wife have been residents in the Larson Tract for the last seven years. He is survived by his wife, Mattie; four sons, Elijah Jr. of Huntington Beach; Travis (Buddy), Huey and Hershall, all of Whittier; three brothers, Thomas of Texas, Bill Aaron of Louisiana and Roy Aaron of California; one sister, Mary Travis of Louisiana; seventeen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

#### STELLA M. PAKULAK

Rosary was said in the Valley Mortuary Chapel on July 23 at 7:30 p.m. for Stella M. Pakulak, 68, who passed away on July 19 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Mnsgr. James Murphy, St. Jude's Catholic Church Wofford Heights officiated at the rosary. Graveside mass was observed at the Kern Valley District Cemetery on July 24 at 10 a.m. Mrs. Pakulak was born January 16, 1905 in Northfort, Washington. She and her husband had managed the Shady Lane Trailer Park in Lake Isabella for the past two years. She is survived by the widower, Jack; two sons, Jack Jr. of China Lake and Robert of Roseberg, Oregon, and seven grandchildren.

Thursday  
Aug. 2, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Jessie Benton**

Memorial services will be held today, August 2, at 10 a.m., in the Chapel of the Roses of the Mish Mortuary, 120 Minner St. in Oildale for Jessie Kerr Benton, 75, of Lake Isabella. Rev. Noel Weise of Melodyland Temple will officiate at the services. Graveside services will be commemorated at 2 p.m. today August 2, at the Live Oak Memorial Park in Monrovia with interment following.

Mrs. Benton passed away at the Kern General Hospital on July 30 after a brief illness. She was born in Newcastle, England on September 9, 1898 and had lived in the State of California since 1920.

The Bentons' came to the Kern River Valley ten years ago. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Wofford Heights, the Independent Order of Foresters, and the A.A.R.P. She was also active in the organization of the Kern Valley chapter of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship Association.

She is survived by the widower, Lawrence; one son, Norman of Pomona; two sisters, Elsie Law of Riverside and Phyllis Rael of Santa Fe, New Mexico; and four grandchildren.

Thursday  
Aug. 9, 1973

## OBITUARY

## JOSEPH KAPANOSKE

Requiem Mass was held Tuesday, August 7, at 9 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church for Joseph George Kapanoske, 62, who passed away August 5 at Kern Valley Hospital. Mnsgr. James Murphy and Kern Valley Elks Lodge members officiated at graveside services. Interment was at Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Kapanoske was born November 26, 1910 in Detroit, Michigan. A printer, he was self employed at Whittingham Printing in Wofford Heights. He had been a California resident 19 years, and a valley resident for eight years, and was a member of Kern River Valley Elks Lodge.

Survivors include his wife Virginia of Wofford Heights; three sons, Joseph of South Pasadena, David of Fullerton, and Gerald of Downey; two daughters; Gay Ann Kapanoske of Los Angeles, and Carol Balle of Norwalk; two brothers; George of Maryland, and Raymond of Michigan; and 15 grandchildren.



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## OBITUARY

## MARJI EAMES

Memorial services were held July 24 at the Hawthorne Methodist Church in Hawthorne for Marji Alice Hill Eames, 26, who died on July 22 as the result of an accident. She is survived by her husband, Owen; her parents, Betty and Clyde Hill of Hawthorne; one brother, Stephen; and her grandparents, Alice and Clyde Hill of the Sierra Trailer Lodge in Kernville

## FRIEND L. CARLSON

Funeral rites were held Thursday, August 2 at Valley Mortuary Chapel at 11 a.m. for Friend Lloyd Carlson, 66, who passed away July 30 at San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield. Kern Valley Elks Lodge officiated. Carlson was born in Erie, Penn. June 12, 1907. He was a retired foreman at Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach. His valley residence was Wofford Heights for the past two years, during which time he was a member of the Kern Valley Elks Lodge and the El Segundo Rod and Gun Club. He had lived in the state for the past 40 years. Survivors are his wife Elva; two sons; Arthur and Paul Carlson; two daughters; Joan Carlson, and Nancy Jane Hanson; and one sister Dorothy Louth.

Thursday  
Aug. 23, 1973

## OBITUARY

**William Sanders**

William Alfred Sanders, 73, died in Kern Valley Hospital August 13th.

Born in Paola, Kan., he was a retired printer from Publication Press in Pasadena. He resided in Bodfish for over nine years.

Mr. Sanders is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons, Harry of El Paso, Texas and William, Jr. of Trenton, New Jersey; two daughters, Lottie Olsen of Hudson, Wisc., and Lorraine Scott of Tuscon, and eight grandchildren.

Services were held at graveside, Kern Valley Cemetery, August 16th, with the Rev. Willard Vanfossen officiating.

**Benjamin Shortridge**

Memorial services will be held at the Valley Mortuary Chapel today, August 23 at 11 a.m. for Benjamin Franklin Shortridge, 48, who died at the Kern Valley Hospital on August 17. Rev. Richard Magness will officiate at the ceremony, interment will follow at the Kern Valley District Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Shortridge was born in Covington, Louisiana on October 18, 1924. He was the owner-operator of Shady Acres Motel in Wofford Heights and manager of the Rustic Kitchen Restaurant. He had lived in the Kern River Valley for the past two years and in California for 24 years. He was a member of the Kern River Valley B.P.O.E. No. 2358.

He is survived by the widow, Arline; one daughter, Audrey; one sister, Margaret of Ohio; two brothers, Samuel and Robert of Florida.

Pallbearers will be Cliff Lyons, Jerry Click, Bob Jones, Harry Rogers, Paul Gleming, Art Wine-miller and Jerry Hawks.

Thursday  
Aug. 23, 1973

## OBITUARY

**James Lyons**

Burial services were conducted at the Kern Valley District Cemetery on August 22 for James Williams Lyons, 63, who died on August 14 at his home in Shady Lane Trailer Park. He was born on September 30, 1909. There is no known next of kin. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Charles Dahm**

Charles August Dahm, 67, Weldon, died in the Kern Valley Hospital on August 11th.

Born in Freeport, Illinois, he was a retired mechanic from Morris Industries in Pacoima. He has been a resident of the Valley for six months.

Mr. Dahm is survived by his wife, Marian; three sons, George of Illinois, Duane of Simi and Wayne of Burbank; and three daughters, Valene and Shirley Dahm of Simi and Milly Johnson of Illinois and twelve grandchildren; five sisters, Gertrude Icott, West Chicago, Margaret Scott, Bremen, Ind., Helen Wiegman, Delores Ontges and Lois Witt of Freeport, Ill.

Services were held August 15th at the graveside, Kern Valley Cemetery, with the Rev. Willard Vanfossen officiating.

Thursday  
Aug. 23, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Lela Martin**

Graveside services will be conducted on Friday, August 24 at 2 p.m. at Floral Memorial Park in Selma, California in memory of Lela Myrtle Martin, 84, who passed away on August 20 at the Beverly Manor Guest Home in Bakersfield. The Rev. R. A. Crawford will officiate.

She was born on December 17, 1888 in Arkansas, she lived in California for the last 42 years and in the Kern River Valley for 3½ years.

Mrs. Martin is survived by one son, Raymond of Fresno; four daughters, Ruby Low of Bodfish, June Hanes of Bakersfield, Pearl Stallard of Keys, Oklahoma, and Elna Runha of Gardena; two sisters, Mae Lee of Keys, Oklahoma, and Ida McCalle of Tulsa, Oklahoma; 15 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and 6 great great grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Aug. 30, 1973

OBITUARY

### *Alfred W. Cockran*

Graveside services were held on Saturday, August 25 at 10 a.m. at the Kern Valley District Cemetery in memory of Alfred Walter Cockran, 65, of Mt. Mesa. He died of natural causes at the Kern General Hospital in Bakersfield on August 22. Rev. Dale Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella officiated at the services. Interment followed.

Cockran was a retired carpenter, he had lived in California for 28 years and in the Kern River Valley for the past three years. He was born on November 4, 1907 in Kansas City, Missouri.

He was a member of the Sidewalk C.B. Club in the Kern Valley and went by the code name of "Irish". Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

### *Shirley Phillips*

Services were held at the Hillcrest Mortuary in Bakersfield on August 24 for Shirley (Chuck) Phillips who died at his Kernville home on August 21. Rev. Louis Gerdes, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Kernville officiated at the services. Interment followed at the Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Phillips was born in Bakersfield but spent most of his life in the Kern River Valley.

He is survived by the widow, Mary; his mother, Jessie Olson of Wofford Heights; three step-children, Barbara Davidson of Kernville, Mary Parker of Bakersfield, and Bill Davidson of Portland, Oregon; one niece, Donna Peterson of Kernville.

Thursday  
Sept. 6, 1973

OBITUARY

### *Edward A. Edwards*

Graveside services will be held on Friday, September 7 at 10:30 a.m. at Hillcrest Memorial Park for Edward A. Edwards, 92, a long time resident of Kernville. Edwards died on September 4 in a Bakersfield Hospital. Services will be conducted by Rev. Kenneth Adams, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Bakersfield. Interment will follow the services.

Edwards was born in Crab Orchard, Kentucky on August 15, 1881. He was a retired carpenter and had been a resident of Kern County for the past 58 years.

He is survived by four sons; Robert of San Diego, Joseph of Taft, Leroy of Bakersfield and Benny of Bakersfield; two daughters, Edith Smith of Bakersfield and Hazel Coe of Lake Isabella; twenty grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Arrangements by Hillcrest Mortuary.

Thursday  
Sept. 13, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Mary Lou Smith**

Services were held at Valley Mortuary Chapel at 1 p.m. on Monday, September 10 in memory of Mary Lou Smith, 37, who passed away on September 5 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Jose officiated at the ceremonies and interment was on Tuesday, September 11 at the Greenhill Memorial Park in San Pedro.

She was born on March 14, 1936 in Southern California and she had been a resident of the Shady Lane Traller Park in Bodfish for the past three years.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Johnstone of Bodfish; two sons, Robert and Ronald; one daughter, Melody; three brothers, Kenneth Johnstone of El Segundo, Ronald of Bodfish, and Edward of Los Angeles. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Thursday  
Sept. 20, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Alice Weeks**

Memorial services were held in the Valley Mortuary Chapel at 1 p.m. on September 17 for Alice B. Weeks, 70, who passed away at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield on September 8. Rev. Louis Gerdes, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Kernville, officiated at the service. Interment followed at the Kern Valley District Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mrs. Weeks was born on April 20, 1903 in Oklahoma. She had lived in the Kern River Valley for the last eight years and was a resident of Onyx for one year. She is survived by the widower, Vernon; one daughter, Mrs. Oliver Farienholt of North Hollywood; three brothers, Harold, Robert and Clyde Ragsdale; four sisters, Melvina, Doris, Lorine and Naomi; and one grandchild, Neil S. Gergo.

**Louis L. House**

Services were held at Highland Chapel on Tuesday, September 18 at 1 p.m. for Louis Loyd House, 74, of 2113 Crestview Ave. in Lake Isabella who passed away September 15 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Mark Stahnke officiated at the church service. Interment followed at the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

House was born in Jewel, Iowa on April 14, 1899 and moved to California 48 years ago. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the last 5½ years. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Inglewood and of the 55 Plus Club in Lake Isabella.

He is survived by the widow, Opal; two daughters, Cleona Melchert of Inglewood and Patricia Lash of Torrance; one brother, Charles House of La Crecenta; two sisters, Effie Johnston of Jewel, Iowa and Mildred Dixon of Apple Valley; and six grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Sept. 27, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Charles Morris**

Chapel services were held on September 18 at 10 a.m. in the Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella for Charles Philips Morris, 73, former resident of the Reeder tract in Lake Isabella. Morris died on September 14 at the Park Real Convalescent Home in Bakersfield. Rev. Dale Brown, pastor of the Baptist Church in Lake Isabella, officiated at the ceremony. Interment followed at the Kern Valley District Cemetery. He is survived by his nephew, Leonard Jessen of Pasadena.

Thursday  
Oct. 4, 1973

OBITUARY

### *Mary Kirkpatrick*

Graveside services were held for Mary E. Kirkpatrick, 76, on Saturday, September 29 at 11 a.m. Rev. David Morrison, officiated at the ceremony at the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick was born on April 30, 1897 in Indianapolis, Indiana and she passed away on September 23 at the Kern Valley Hospital. She was a resident of Onyx for the last six years and was a member of the Eastern Star and the Weldon Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Leroy; one son, Philip Kirkpatrick of Rancho Mirage, California; one daughter, Eleanor Risdon of Onyx; one brother, M.S. Stevens of Wofford Heights; one sister, Myra Wood of Indianapolis; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### *Alta Ketchum*

Services were held in the Valley Mortuary Chapel at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 28 for Alta Ora Ketchum, 61, who passed away on September 25 at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield. Rev. Mark Stahnke, pastor of the Weldon Methodist Church, officiated at the service. Interment followed at the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Mrs. Ketchum was born on April 22, 1912 in Santo, Texas. She had resided in Lake Isabella for the past four years. She is survived by her husband, Bill; one son, Kenneth Kane of Lancaster; one brother, Tommy Archer of Texas; one sister, Marzelle McCaslen of Los Angeles and two grandchildren.

Thursday  
Oct. 11, 1973

OBITUARY

### *Jacob Henserling*

Services were held in the Valley Mortuary Chapel at 11 a.m. on October 9 for Jacob Harrison Henserling, 86, a resident of Wofford Heights. Rev. Richard Magness, pastor of the Wofford Heights Four-square Church, officiated at the memorial service. Bill Grable was the soloist. Interment followed at the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Henserling was born on August 28, 1887 in Angeline, Texas and passed away on October 5 at the San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield.

He is survived by his wife, Maud; three sons, Richard of Lufkin, Texas; Earl of Pasadena, Texas; Glenn of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Wanda Harlock of Houston and Gladys Anderson of Wofford Heights; three brothers, all of Texas, Bert, Elmer and Jim; four sisters, Mollie, Lottie, Nettie and Nellie, all of Texas and 19 grandchildren.

Thursday  
Oct. 18, 1973

## OBITUARY

***Pamela S. Sullivan***

Memorial services will be held at the Foursquare Church in Wofford Heights at 1 p.m. on Friday, October 19 for Pamela Sue Sullivan, 20, of Lake Isabella who died on October 15 in the Community Hospital in Santa Rosa. Rev. Richard Magness will officiate at the services, interment will follow at the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Mrs. Sullivan was born on May 20, 1953 in Wofford Heights. She is survived by her husband, Jimmie Dale Sullivan of Santa Rosa; one daughter, Katherine of Lake Isabella; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leacle Blvens of Lake Isabella; four brothers, Leacle Jr. and Virgil of Bakersfield, Ronald of Coalings, Roy Del of Santa Rosa; one sister, La Clela Blvens of Lake Isabella; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dowell of Bodfish, and Mrs. Ethel Woodell of Oklahoma. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

***Darren S. Langley***

Services were held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17 at the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Darren Langley, 15, of Bodfish who was the victim of an automobile accident on Sunday, October 14 in Lake Isabella. Interment was in Kern Valley District Cemetery following the memorial services.

Langley was born on November 24, 1957 in Bakersfield. At the time of his death he was living in Mill Creek and attending Kern Valley High School.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Doris True of Mill Creek; his father, Ronald Langley of Bakersfield; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sutton of Lamont and his paternal grandfather, Noah Langley of Bakersfield; five sisters, all of Bakersfield, Connie Van Scoy, Rhonda Calvillo, Sandra Andrews, Nancy Carr and Shellie Langley. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



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Oct. 25, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Ray H. Smith**

Memorial services were held in the Valley Mortuary Chapel on October 24 at 11 a.m. for Ray Henry Smith, 58, who died on October 19 in Healdsburg Hospital in Healdsburg, California while traveling. Rev. Willard Vanfossen, pastor of the Kernville United Methodist Church, officiated at the memorial rites. Mrs. Mildred Kisse provided the organ music and Leroy Wilson was the soloist. Interment followed in the Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield.

Mr. Smith was a beloved member of the community, he had resided here for nearly 20 years and was manager of the Bloomfield Ranch in Onyx for some time. He will be remembered for his continued staunch support of the Future Farmers of America. He was born on October 5, 1915 in Oklahoma.

He is survived by the widow, Effie of Lake Isabella; three sons, Royce and Randy of Lake Isabella and Gary of Germany; one daughter, Sue Hinkey of Sacramento; two brothers, Otha of Texas and Richard of Idaho; one sister, Olita of Texas; and nine grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Walter Hanning, Al Salyer, Don Lewis, Jim Linton, Bob Winnier and Dutch Hendeson.

**Maud Foster**

Mrs. Maud Foster, beloved member of the Fourquare Church of Wofford Heights and dear friend to all who knew her, passed away on October 24 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Her daughters, Mrs. Jeanette Rogers and Mrs. Betty Fleming of Wofford Heights were with her. The Valley mourns the passing of one of its warmest, most devoted Christian women. Services will be announced at a later date.

Thursday  
Oct. 25, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Everett I. Hawes**

Services were conducted in the Valley Mortuary Chapel on October 23 at 1 p.m. for Everett Ivan Hawes, 77, of 131 Sirretta St., Kernville. Rev. Willard Vanfossen and the members of VFW Post 7685 and its Ladies' Auxiliary officiated at the services.

Hawes was born on May 7, 1898 in Illinois and passed away on October 19 at the Kern Valley Hospital.

He is survived by the widow, Lois; one son, David of Bakersfield; one daughter, Eugene Hetblack of Riverkern; one brother, Ernest of Illinois; two sisters, Rena Wilson of Whittier and Maimie Stewart of Oblong, Illinois and six grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

**Earl Morley**

Graveside services will be said for Earl Arthur Morley, 69, at the Kern Valley District Cemetery on Friday, October 26 at 1 p.m. Rev. Richard Magness, pastor of the Wofford Heights Foursquare Church will officiate. Interment will follow.

Morley was born on June 12, 1904 in Massachusetts and died at the Kern Valley Hospital on October 22. He was the owner of the Sierra Boat and Trailer Storage in Kernville and was a resident of the North Fork Trailer Park. He had lived in California for fifty years and was a resident of the County of Kern for the past 30 years.

He is survived by a nephew, Arthur Morley of San Carlos. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Thursday  
Oct. 25, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Leacel Bivens Jr.**

Services will be held today, Thursday, October 25 at 1 p.m. at the Foursquare Church in Wofford Heights for Leacel Lawrence Bivens Jr., 28, who passed away at the Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield on October 21. Rev. Richard Magness will perform the memorial rites, interment will follow at the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Bivens was born on March 12, 1947 and was a resident of Lake Isabella. He is survived by his widow, Clydene; one son, Forrest; two daughters, Loyce and Cassandra, all of Lake Isabella; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leacel Bivens Sr. of Lake Isabella; one sister, La Cieta of Lake Isabella; three brothers, Virgil of Bakersfield, Ronald of Coalinga and Roy Del of Santa Rosa; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dowell of Bodfish and Mrs. Ethel Woodell of Oklahoma. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Nov. 1, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Maude L. Foster**

Maude L. Foster, 77, was laid to rest following a beautiful memorial service at the Wofford Heights Foursquare Church on Monday, October 29 at 11 a.m. Rev. Richard Magness, pastor, officiated at the service and interment followed in the Kern Valley District Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mrs. Roberta Magnes played many of "Mom" Foster's favorite hymns and soloists were Bobbi and Bill Grable and John Boice.

Maude Foster was born in Nebraska on September 19, 1896 and she passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital on October 24 following an illness. She was a resident of the Kern Valley for eight years and a charter member of the Foursquare Church and the United Foursquare Women. Her christian spirit was a daily gift to all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by five children; Vernell Miller of Weatherford, Oklahoma, Lennis Allen of Van Nuys, Rev. Ray Allen of Clovis, New Mexico, Betty Fleming and Jeanette Rogers, both of Wofford Heights; Two brothers - Roy Hiatt of Los Angeles and Merle Hiatt of Bakersfield; four sisters - Jessie Cook of Lotton, Oklahoma, Bertha Hisel of Corning, California, Ethel Hisel of Culverson, Nebraska, Marie Grable of Duncanville, Texas; 16 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Thursday  
Nov. 1, 1973

**Isabella Woman Killed**

NANCY IVERSON, 37, of Lake Isabella was pronounced dead on arrival at Kern Valley Hospital about 7 p.m. on October 29 after the vehicle in which she was driving plunged over an embankment at the Kern Valley Golf Course. CHP Officer Walt Pascoc, responding out of

Glennville substation, reported that Mrs. Iverson was southbound on Kernville Road and apparently lost control of her 1970 Lincoln Continental, crossed the roadway and went over the edge. Deputy Lance Lipke reported from the Sheriff's substation in Lake Isabella. Jerry Wright Photo.

Thursday  
Nov. 1, 1973

## OBITUARY

**Lulu M. Watson**

Graveside services were commemorated at the Kern Valley District Cemetery in Wofford Heights on October 30 at 11 a.m. for Lulu Mae Watson, 69. Rev. Louis Gerdes, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Kernville, officiated at the ceremony.

Mrs. Watson was born on October 5, 1904 in Texas and she passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital on October 26. She was a resident of the Wofford Heights Traller Park for the past six years and she had live in California for 33 years. She was a retired seamstress.

She is survived by her husband, Bert of Wofford Heights and one brother, Burt Ellis of Bakersfield.

Thursday  
Nov. 8, 1973

OBITUARY

**Roland E.  
Wickenhoefer**

Roland E. Wickenhoefer, 68, of 3535 Linda Vista Dr., San Marcos, Calif. passed away at a local convalescent hospital Monday. Born March 1, 1905 in St. Paul, Minnesota, Mr. Wickenhoefer came to San Marcos 2 years ago from Kernville where he had resided since 1941.

Mr. Wickenhoefer worked as a gardener in Kernville at the Mc Cambridge Lodge for 14 years. He was a WW I Navy Veteran and a member of the International Association of Machinists Lodge No. 727, North Hollywood.

Mr. Wickenhoefer is survived by two sons; Douglas "Bud" Wickenhoefer of South Carolina and Keith Wickenhoefer of Northern California; three sisters, Virginia McCambridge of San Marcos, Calif., Geraldine Palmer of Burbank, Calif., and Ruth Berge of Minneapolis, Minn., one brother, Clinton Wickenhoefer of Burbank, Calif., and 6 grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Allen Brothers Mortuary. Interment will follow at the San Marcos Cemetery. Arrangements by Allen Brothers Mortuary.

Thursday  
Nov. 15, 1973

OBITUARY

**George Fulkman**

Graveside services were held for George Harry Fulkman, 26, at the Kern Valley District Cemetery on November 12 at 2 p.m. Rev. Willard Vanfossen, pastor of the Kernville United Methodist Church, officiated at the ceremony.

Fulkman was born on May 27, 1947 in California and died November 8. He was living in the Larson Tract and had lived in the Valley for one week at the time of death.

He is survived by his mother Kathryn Darr; two brothers, Robert of Lake Isabella and Larry of Hacienda Heights; two sisters, Marie Cook of Lake Isabella and Wendy Darr of Hacienda Heights; and his grandmother, Dora Van Fossen of La Puente. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Tuesday  
Nov. 20, 1973

OBITUARY

**Murl D. Ice**

Memorial services were said on November 17 in the chapel of the Church of the Nazarene at 11 a.m. for Murl Dee Ice, 65, of 2701 Scovern Ave., in Lake Isabella. Rev. Harry Gallo-way and Rev. David Zeigler officiated at the services, interment followed in the Kern Valley District Cemetery. Soloist during the services was Leroy Wilson.

Mr. Ice was born on July 13, 1908 in Greensburg, Kansas and passed away on November 15 at the Kern Valley Hospital.

He is survived by the widow, Emily; one son, Oren of Lake Isabella; one daughter, Barbara Faye Palmer of Norco; two sisters Leota Suitar of Wichita, Kansas and Edna Brown of Cerritos, and six grandchildren.

Thursday  
Nov. 29, 1973

OBITUARY

## *Earl Gray*

Memorial services and a short prayer were held at the Kern Valley Church of Christ, 95 Burlando Road at 7:30 p.m. on November 28 for Earl Gray, a former resident of the Valley. Family and close friends attended the service following notice that Gray had passed away after a long illness.

He was a resident of the Valley from 1960 to 1970 and was well known and respected by his many friends.

## *Robert E. Welch*

Chapel services will be conducted by the B.P.O.E. NO. 2358 at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 30 at Valley Mortuary for Robert E. Welch, 83, who passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital on Tuesday morning, November 27. The Elks will also conduct a moment of prayer in memory of "Uncle Bob" at the Kern Valley District Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Interment will follow.

Welch was born on January 29, 1890 in Boston, Massachusetts. He lived for a while in Southern California, but had spent fifty years in the Kern River Valley. He worked for nearly 45 years as a packer into the high country, guiding tourists and visitors on the Kern Plateau. Until the last four years, "Uncle Bob" lived at Fairview, then he moved into Kernville. He first joined the B.P.O.E. in 1921 in Southern California and later joined the local lodge.

His only survivor is his wife, Marguerite, of Los Angeles.

There will be an open house at the Wofford Heights Elks Lodge for Uncle Bobs' many friends and loved ones following interment.

Serving as pallbearers will be: John McNally, John Hinkey, Art Bullerdick, Norman Hylton, Barry Aubrey and John Burlando.

## Sedric E. Hackley

Services were held at United Methodist Church in Kernville Monday, December 10 at 11 a.m. for Sedric E. Hackley, 70, 200 Buena Vista Drive, Kernville who died December 7 in a Bakersfield Hospital. The Rev. Willard Van Fossen of the Kernville Community United Methodist Church officiated. Mr. Hackley, born in Dover, Mo.; resided in Kern County 48 years.

He was a past president and charter member of the Kernville Lions Club and trustee of the Kernville Elementary School Board for 9 years.

Hackley is survived by the widow, Ernia; a daughter, Elelyn Witt of Valley Springs; a son, Thomas of Sunnyvale; 3 brothers, Porter of Ontario, Chalmer of Sunnyvale and Leslie of Shawnee Mission, Kan.; a sister, Lora Day of Inland, 3 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Interment followed at Kernville District Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the National Parkinson Institute, 1501 Northeast 9th Avenue, Miami, Fla., 33136. Hillcrest Mortuary Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hackley was born in Dover, Missouri, on Dec. 21, 1902. After completing his education, he came to California in 1922 and worked as an electrician for the Southern California Edison Company at Big Creek.

"Hack", as he was known to his associates, was transferred to Kern River Powerhouse No. 1 in 1927, and a year later was married to Erina Davies in the Episcopal Church in Paso Robles. In 1936, he became Southern Division test man, spending time at eleven powerhouses in the southland each year. The couple and their two children moved to K.R. No. 3 in 1937. That year, "Hack" designed and built the first cement block house in Old Kernville.

In 1944, he was promoted to electrical foreman, a position he held for 23 years. In New Kernville, he designed and built a second home in 1956, and retired in 1967, after 45 years with the Edison Company. He was on the Board of Trustees of the Kernville Elementary School for nine years, and was a charter member and a past president of the first Lions' Club in Old Kernville.

Pallbearers were: Paul De Baugh, Frank Becker, Robert Reynolds, Sidney McCollum, Keith McDowall, and Gene Pattee. Honorary Pallbearers were: C.H. Wilson, Bill Helfner, Orian Campbell, Kenneth H. Grant, Henry Seeley, and Alfred Apalatea. Organist was Mrs. Willard Van Fossen.

## William M. Coombs

Services were held on Saturday, December 8 at the Greenlawn Chapel in memory of William McKinley Coombs, 77, of Columbus Street in Bodfish who died on December 5 in a Bakersfield hospital. Rev. William McCord, Trinity Methodist Church, and the members of the Oddfellows Lodge No. 251, Kernville officiated at the ceremony. The interment followed in the Union Cemetery.

Coombs was a native of Iowa and had resided in Kern County for 69 years. He was a self-employed carpenter and had lived in the Kern Valley for many years. He was married to the late Ruth Cory Coombs who passed away in July. He was a member of the Kernville United Methodist Church; the IOOF Lodge No. 251; Kernville Rebekah Lodge No. 365; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Barracks No. 1841.

He is survived by two sons, William Coombs of Bakersfield and Frank Cory of Bodfish; two daughters, Bertha Lawrence of Bakersfield and Mary Wickendon of Hawaii; one brother, Emery of Bakersfield; three sisters, Mary Miller of Iowa, Luella DeVries of Van Nuys, and Ethel McClain of Bakersfield; eleven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. The pallbearers were: Leland Scott, Simeon Barnes, Charles Newberry, Kenneth Blomberg, Lee Veale and Vernon Blount.

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Death Notice

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Thursday  
Jan. 3, 1974

OBITUARY

**Mary E. Comer**

Memorial services were held on Saturday, December 29 at 10:30 a.m. for Mrs. Mary E. Comer, 68, who died on December 26 after a long illness. Interment followed the service at Forest Lawn Cypress Gardens Cemetery.

Mrs. Comer was born on March 30, 1905 in Roswell, New Mexico. She was a resident of San Bernardino for twenty years prior to moving to the Kern River Valley. She had been living at the Palace Ranch Trailer Park in Lake Isabella for the past nine years.

She is survived by her husband Guy Comer; two daughters, Doris Grisum of Bakersfield and Mary Ellen Peterson, a missionary in Boliva, South America; nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Arrangements by Forest Lawn Mortuary.

Thursday  
Jan 10, 1974

OBITUARY

**Death Notice**

Robert J. Eckert, 73, Tehachapi, died Jan. 7, 1974. He was the father of David Eckert, Lake Isabella, well known attorney.

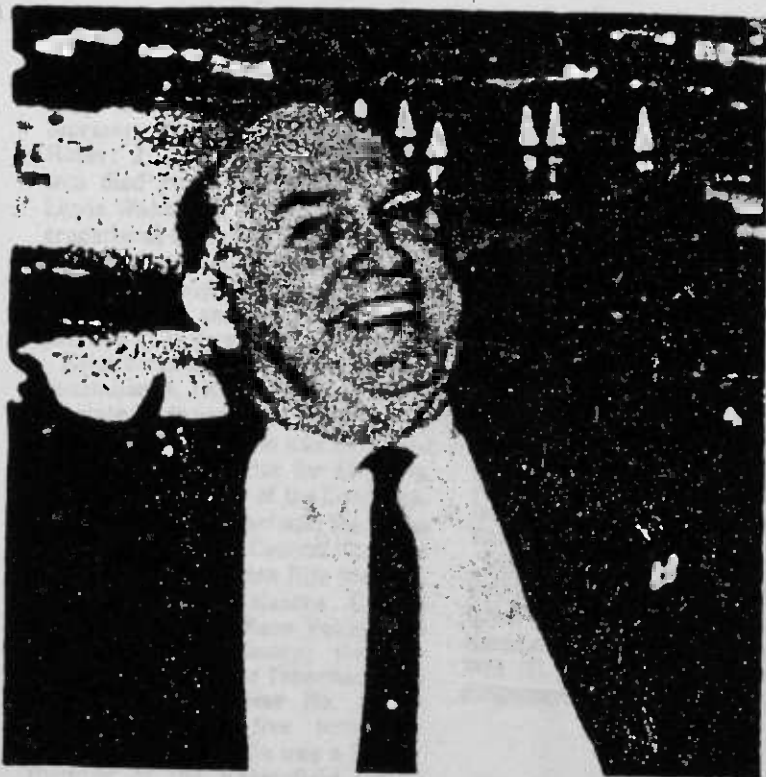
Services for the deceased will be held Thursday, Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. at Hillcrest Mortuary Chapel, Bakersfield.

A complete obituary will be printed in next week's paper.

Thursday, Jan. 10, 1974

OBITUARY

## KERN VALLEY MOURNS JACK EWING'S DEATH



Memorial services will be held on Friday, January 11 at 1 p.m. in the Hollywood Chapel of the Pierce Brothers Mortuary for Jack Ewing, 80, who died on January 8 at Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital. The services will be followed by a private inurnment. A beloved member of the Kern Valley, Ewing was born in Illinois on December 16, 1893 and had lived in the state for 50 years. He is survived by two daughters, Agnes Moziek and Jean Salais of Los Angeles and an adopted daughter, Ruth Shaw of Wofford Heights.

By Ardis Walker

Jack Ewing came to Kern County as a once-retired naval officer to initiate the construction of a huge China Lake Naval Ordnance Test Station, now the Naval Weapons Center, during the Second World War. He could have been called its first commanding officer because his special genius for getting things done cleared the way for the captains and admirals and scientists who followed in his wake.

And those same captains and admirals would be the first to grant him that distinction because they knew he had won graduation from the "can-do" school of naval chiefs who pioneered the groundwork for operations in two world wars.

He arrived in the Indian Wells Valley when it showed only remnants of a defunct desert agricultural boom created shortly after the First World War and when only two straggling wayside stations, Inyokern and Crumville, now the modern city of Ridgecrest, existed in the area.

The story of his desert naval service would rival the intrigue of any modern suspense novel. While pioneering the initial facilities of the base he was able to sidestep normal directives and procedures that would have imposed impossible barriers to flag officers firmly frozen in regulations emanating from Washington.

After serving under Captains Sherman E. Burroughs and James Sykes, first commanders of the base, he resigned from the Navy for a

second time to invest in Ewings Restaurant adjacent to the station. His earlier experience as a San Diego restaurateur enabled him to create an outstanding dining establishment which helped to lift the surrounding community out of the crude, frontier atmosphere into which the war-time emergencies had literally dumped it.

This change of careers did not dampen his impelling interest in community affairs. At that time the off-station community consisted largely of disorganized trailer communities clustered at various points of access to the base. As a result hundreds of children were caught in desert slums which erupted without planning because of the war-time urgency to lure workers to the area. To meet the recreational needs of these children, Jack Ewing organized a group which sponsored a series of rodeos to raise the funds which opened the Nine Mile Canyon Road to safe travel and established a summer camp in Kennedy Meadows for these unfortunate children.

Not long after his retirement from business in Ridgecrest and his return to San Diego he suffered a massive stroke which left him an invalid. Then he purchased the Jack Crawford home at the Fay Ranch opposite the South Fork Valley town of Weldon where he regained his mobility and most of his health.

The sight of the newly relocated town of Kernville above Lake Isabella excited his suspended drive. He suddenly announced to friends, "I've got to get active again!"

Although he always maintained that he was five years in advance of good planning, he built Ewings-on-the-Kern. At the time this came as a God-send to people of the Kern River Valley because it met a serious need for a top dining facility in the area.

Jack and his wife, Vera, developed their new business and Jack voiced the need to develop recreational facilities to augment the natural attractions of the Valley.

Thus he was impelled to organize a group to promote and build the Kern River Valley Golf Course. Later he was guest of honor when members of the golf club dedicated a bronze plaque to him as the leading spirit in bringing the project to fruition.

In the final analysis, Jack Ewing was a single-minded man who made enemies in his pursuit of political and social objectives. He also made friends; thousands of them. Those close to him were constantly amazed at the wide range of his acquaintances and of those he could call friend. He will be missed in the most remote eddies and well as the highroads of the

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Thursday  
Jan. 17, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Robert J. Eckert**

Services were held Thursday, January 10 at 1 p.m. at the Hillcrest Mortuary Chapel in Bakersfield for Robert J. Eckert, 73, of Tehachapi who died on January 7. The Rev. Lewis Wakeland, pastor of the Congregational Church in Tehachapi and Herbert Humphill, Worshipful Master of F & AM, Lodge No. 313 officiated at the memorial services. Intombment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Eckert was born in Dayton, Ohio on December 16, 1900. He had resided in the state for 69 years and in the county of Kern for 18 years. He was employed as a building inspector for 53 years.

He was a member of the Congregational Church of Tehachapi; the Royal and Select Masters, Council No. 28 of California; the Scottish Rite Masons; the Royal Arch Masons Council Chapter No. 75 of Kern Valley; the Bakersfield Confiscatory; the Masonic Lodge No. 313 of Tehachapi; the Eastern Star, Chapter No. 188 in which he served five terms as Worthy Patron; and he was a former member of the Bakersfield Grand Jury.

Eckert is survived by his wife, Martha; two sons, David of Lake Isabella and John of Glendora; three daughters, Mildred Shore of Fullerton, M.s. Robert A. Galvan of Santa Clara, and Sarah Simpson of St. Helena, California; and sixteen grandchildren.

Thursday  
Jan. 17, 1974

## OBITUARY

**William F. Kincaid**

Graveside services were held on Thursday, January 10 at 2 p.m. at the Kern Valley District Cemetery in memory of William Frank Kincaid, 77, who died of natural causes at the Hilltop Convalescent Hospital in Bakersfield on January 5. Rev. Mark Stahnke, pastor of the Weldon Methodist Church and the Highland Chapel, officiated at the ceremony.

Kincaid was born on January 29, 1896 in Bismarck, North Dakota and came to California 12 years ago and opened a radiator repair service in Lake Isabella. He lived at Lampson's Mobile Village Trailer Park in Lake Isabella during his twelve years in the Valley.

He is survived by one daughter, Pauline of Bakersfield; two brothers, Robert Kincaid of Alaska and Harold Kincaid of North Dakota; one sister, Mrs. C. Hansen of Denmark. Arrangements by Lyons Mortuary.

Thursday  
Jan. 31, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Kathleen Natell**

Services will be held in the Valley Mortuary Chapel at 1 p.m. on Friday, February 1 in memory of Mrs. Kathleen Mavourneen Nattell, 77, who passed away on January 29 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Edward Landers of the Church of Christ will officiate at the ceremony. Interment will follow in the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Mrs. Nattell had been a resident of the Kern Valley for the last four years. She resided at 2709 Flower Street in Lake Isabella at the time of her death. She was born in Bethany, Missouri on May 14, 1896 and came to California in 1922.

She is survived by three daughters; Mrs. Ruth Wolfsberger of Bellflower, Mrs. Marie Montez of Muscatine, Iowa and Mrs. Coralee Butts of Lake Isabella; seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

The pallbearers for the funeral service will be; Wayne Barnes, Bill Connelly, Jim Shofstall, Joe Nemish, Ed Wimmer, and Archie Scott.

**Maude DeLaCroix**

Memorial services were held in the Valley Mortuary Chapel on Saturday, January 26 at 11 a.m. for Maude Sand DeLaCroix, 87, who passed away on January 23 at the Bakersfield Convalescent Hospital. Rev. Arthur Lewis, pastor of the Lutheran Church officiated at the ceremony. Interment followed at the Kern Valley District Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mrs. DeLaCroix was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on May 30, 1886. She had been a resident of the state of California for the last fifty years and of the Kern Valley community for eight years. She was affiliated with the Eastern Star for 50 years and was an honorary member.

She is survived by her daughter, Dorothy Lauts of Kernville; three grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Feb. 7, 1974

OBITUARY

### *Martha E. Duggan*

Services were held at the Hillcrest Memorial Chapel on February 6 at 3 p.m. in memory of Martha E. Duggan, 54, who passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital on Monday, February 4. Interment followed the service in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Mrs. Duggan was born on April 21, 1919 in Pecan Gap, Texas. She came to California in 1941 and was a resident of Burbank. Until the time of her retirement she was employed at Weber Aircraft Co. She had been a resident of South Lake Estates for the past two years and a member of the South Lake Property Owners Association.

She is survived by her husband, William George of South Lake Estates; two daughters, Tina McGinley of Colton and Linda Hansen of Burbank; and five grandchildren.

Thursday  
Feb. 21, 1974

OBITUARY

### *Oliver Livermont*

Services will be held today, Thursday, February 21 at 1 p.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Oliver Livermont, 73, who died as the result of a heart attack on February 16 at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Arthur Lewis, pastor of the Lutheran Church will officiate and interment will follow in the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Livermont was born in South Dakota on January 30, 1901. He had lived in California for 45 years and was retired from the Western Union Telegraph Company after 20 years of service as a repairman. He came to the Kernville area four years ago and resided at 1438 Mulberry Lane at the time of his death.

He is survived by the widow, Francis of Kernville; one son, Bernard of Martin, South Dakota; two daughters, Marian Burton of Gothanberg, Nebraska, and Betty Carland of Van Nuys; one brother, Pete Livermont of Azusa; two sisters, Charlotte Rice of Bridgeport, Nebraska and Elsie Willoughby of Toluca Lake; 13 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

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Feb. 21, 1974

## OBITUARY

WELL KNOWN VALLEY  
PHOTOGRAPHER SUCCUMBS

Memorial services will be held at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella on Saturday, March 2 at 1 p.m. for Robert C. "Jerry" Wright, 66 who passed away on February 26 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Richard Magness, former pastor of the Wofford Heights Foursquare Church, will officiate, Interment will follow at the Kern Valley District Cemetery. Jerry was born in Denver, Colorado on October 17, 1909, but lived for 65 years of his life in the Los Angeles area. He was employed in a variety of fields during his lifetime, but concentrated on photography when moved to the Kern River Valley six years ago. He was staff photographer for the SUN and photo-stringer in the Valley for KERO-TV, Bakersfield. Many residents of the Kern Valley have been the subject of Jerry's camera, and his face was familiar at most civic functions. He lived the quotation, "One picture is worth a thousand words." He was a valued member of the Kern Valley Search and Rescue Posse for the past five years. It is impossible to sum up his many contributions to the community, but his energetic and dedicated service over the years will be long remembered by everyone. He is survived by his widow, Leona, resident of the Rockhaven Trailer Park in Wofford Heights. Pallbearers will be: Verbie Pierce, Jim Malouf, Bill Schuell, Barry Aubrey, Norm Hylton, and Ray Mallory.

Thursday  
Feb. 28, 1974

OBITUARY

### **Alexander Homyak**

Funeral services for Alexander James Homyak, 72, of Lake Isabella, were conducted Thursday, Feb. 21 at 10 a.m. by Rose Hills Mortuary in Hillside Church, Huntington Park Lodge No. 1415, B.P.O. Elks officiated and interment will be in Rose Hills Memorial Park.

Mr. Homyak, a resident of California for 35 years and former superintendent with the U.S. Post Office, was born in Colorado, and died Sunday, Feb. 17 at the Kern Valley Hospital.

He had lived in the valley for the past 4½ years, and is survived by his wife, Vera; two daughters: Shirley Gierloff and Bette Thayer; two sons: Donald Homyak and Capt. James A. Homyak; two sisters; Mary Harkey and Ann Bertellette; a brother, John Homyak; nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

### **Carlton L. Brown**

Services will be held today, Thursday, February 28 at 10:30 a.m. at the Church of the Reformation, Forest Lawn, in Glendale in memory of Carleton L. Brown, Sr. of Kernville, who passed away on February 24 at the Bonnie Brea Manor in Los Angeles after an extended illness.

He was known affectionately in the Kern Valley as Brownie, and until the onset of his illness, Brownie was involved in many ways in community service. He was born in Marshalltown, Iowa on Memorial Day, 1900 and served in the United States Armed Services in World War I.

Brown was very civic minded, he was most active with the Frontier Homes Association, Inc. and served as president from incorporation in October, 1957 until recently. The progress of the organization is due in great part to his devotion. In 1973 Brown was a candidate for the title of Honorary Mayor of Whiskey Flat. He will be remembered for his many efforts towards the betterment of the Valley.

He is survived by two sons; Larry and Carlton, Jr., both of Los Angeles and one nephew, Ted Brown of Modesto.

Thursday  
Mar. 7, 1974

OBITUARY

### **Leigh Ann Luker**

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, March 6 at 1 p.m. at the Kern Valley District Cemetery in memory of Leigh Ann Luker, 2 years, who passed away on March 3 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Louis Gerdes, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Kernville, officiated at the ceremony. Leigh Ann was born on April 25, 1971 in Simi Valley.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Luker, 34 Larson St. in Lake Isabella; two brothers, Stephen and Michael; two sisters, Debra and Teresa all of the family residence; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Herrington of Hobbs, New Mexico; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Luker of Los Angeles; and great-grandparents, Mrs. Anna Smith and Bert Luker. Arrangement by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

### **Death Notice**

#### **Merrill Eichberger**

Services were held in Crescent, Oregon for Merrill Eichberger who died on February 21. Inurnment followed the service and the ashes of the deceased were set free over Mt. Hood. Eichberger was born in Hopeville, Pennsylvania in 1909 and was a long time resident of the Kern River Valley before he moved to Oregon. He is survived by the widow, Gladys and one son, Jack.



Thursday  
Mar. 14, 1974

## OBITUARY

# We Say Farewell

The profit of life consists not in the space, but rather in the use...In the spirit of those words, the Kern River Valley said farewell to Lee W. Taylor, 62, in a brief memorial service on Tuesday, March 12 at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella. Rev. Willard Vanfossen, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Kernville, officiated at the ceremony. Interment followed in the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Lee was born in Oklahoma on January 31, 1912. His early love of the land led him into the field of landscape gardening in Los Angeles. He moved to the Kern Valley in 1963, where he and Gerry operated a florist and nursery business in Lake Isabella. Later, they built the Cottage Florist Shop in Mt. Mesa.

Lee was president of the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce until the time of his death; he was a member of the South Lake Property Owners Association, and a charter member of the Exchange Club of the Kern River Valley.

If there was one word used above all other in memory of Lee...it was love. His love for flowers and all growing things; his love for the Valley and the people he met each day, and his abiding love of life. He welcomed



*Lee Taylor*

everyday and lived it to the hilt and took pleasure in everything he did for the Community he loved. No hour was wasted. There is no greater tribute to his memory.

He is survived by the widow, Geraldine; a son, John; 2 grandchildren; mother, Rosa Taylor, Los Angeles; two brothers, Edwin and Arty, Los Angeles, and sister, Edith Willson, Tacoma, Wash.

Pallbearers were Earl Baird, John Scales, Norm Tibbetts, Bo Williams, Bill Kissack Jr. and Jim Woods.

Honorary pallbearers were Cliff Hewitt, Dick Jerkovich, Archy Scott, Louie Pierucci, Bill Kissack Sr., William Kelly, Joe Redfern and Joe Swartz.

"It is time to go home. Night is coming. It is your bedtime, child of earth. Come; you're tired. Lie down at least in the quiet nursery of nature and sleep. Sleep well. The day is gone. Stars shine in the canopy of eternity."  
- Joshua Loth Liebman

## KERN VALLAY SUN

Thursday  
Mar. 14, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Kenneth Ferguson**

Services were held at the Valley Mortuary Chapel at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 11 for Kenneth Ferguson, 72, who resided in the Larson Tract. Ferguson passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital on March 8. The Brothers of the B.P.O.E. No. 2358 conducted the services and interment followed in the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Ferguson was born in Waverly, Iowa on November 30, 1901 and came to the state of California in 1938. He worked for North American Rockwell on the Apollo Spacecraft in Los Angeles. He retired to the Kern Valley in 1970 and became active in the Elks Lodge.

He is survived by the widow, Hazel of Weldon; and one brother, Williams M. Ferguson of Hawaiian Gardens, California. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Mar. 14, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Harold M. Davies**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7865 will officiate at graveside services at the Kern Valley District Cemetery on Thursday, March 14 at 1 p.m. in memory of Harold Marvin Davies, 68, of 437 Sirretta Ave in Kernville.

Davies was born on August 22, 1908 in Topeka, Kansas and died accidentally in his home on March 9. He lived in California for 40 years and was a self-employed gardener. He resided in the Kern Valley for the last 11 years.

He is survived by one daughter, Bonnie Simons of South Pasadena and one brother, Herbert of Topeka, Kansas; and two grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Mar. 14, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Ellsworth DeGaynor**

Services were held on Monday, March 11 at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Ellsworth DeGaynor, 75, who passed away on March 7 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Mark Stahnke, Pastor of the Methodist Church in Weldon and Lake Isabella officiated at the ceremony, interment followed in the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

DeGaynor was born in Michigan on November 5, 1896, lived in California for 27 years and retired to the Kern Valley 15 years ago. For a time he worked as maintenance man at Ewings-On-The-Kern.

He is survived by his widow, Francis of Weldon; one daughter, Mercedes Overhalser of Ft. Myers Beach, Florida; two brothers, Joseph of Wisconsin, and William of Vallejo; two sisters, Mrs. R. Ross and Mrs. E.J. Spenski of Wisconsin; One nephew, Gene Gaynor of Vallejo; one grandson, Robert Eiter of Florida and one greatgrandson, Renee, also of Florida.

Palbearers were: Merle Slauson, Marvin Powers, Luther Hartley, Pete Peterson, Paul Matz and Kenneth Fisher. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Mar. 14, 1974

## DEATH NOTICE

Dorothy Clark Hendrickson

Services will be held at 11 a.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel on Saturday, March 16 in memory of Dorothy Clark Hendrickson of Lake Isabella who died on Monday, March 11. Rev. Mark Stahnke, pastor of the Weldon Methodist Church, will officiate. Mrs. Hendrickson was a member of the Lady Elks and a former employee of the Isabella Market

Thursday  
Mar. 14, 1974

## OBITUARY

LUTHER SHARPE

Chapel services were held on Wednesday, March 13 at 1 p.m. for Luther McKinley Sharpe, 66, of Bodfish, who passed away on March 10 at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield, Rev. Willard Vanfossen, pastor of the Kernville United Methodist Church, officiated at the services and interment followed in the Kern Valley District Cemetery. Sharpe was born on June 2, 1907 in Oneida, Tennessee and he had been a resident of California for the past 30 years. He was employed as a labeler for the Celanese Corporation in Los Angeles until his retirement six years ago.

He is survived by the widow, Jessie of No. 1 North Drive, Bodfish; one daughter, Laurel Lee Ochea of La Puente; four brothers, Marion of Whittier, Howard of La Habra, James of Wofford Heights and Riley of Phoenix, Arizona; five sisters, Mary Oakes of Downey, Effie Little of Fresno, Flossie Murphy of Westminster, Irene Stanfield of Grady, New Mexico, Ella Glenn of Hobbs, New Mexico, five grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary

Thursday  
Mar. 21, 1974

OBITUARY

### **Louis R. Tibbetts**

Friends and relatives paid their last respects to Louis Roswell Tibbetts, 56, at graveside services conducted by the Kern River Valley VFW Post 7665, at the Kern Valley cemetery March 19, 1974. Mr. Tibbetts passed away March 15, 1974 in a Veterans Administration hospital in Los Angeles following a lengthy illness. He was born in old Kernville, California December 5, 1915 and attended school in Kernville and Bakersfield.

In his early days, he worked in almost all of the mines in the Kern River Valley, before entering the US Army in 1941 where he served five years as sergeant during World War II in the European and South Pacific theatres. He owned and operated a dirt hauling and excavation business in Lake Isabella before moving to Burbank, California in 1956 where he was employed with Westons Bakery for several years. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and returned to the Kern River Valley frequently to pursue this interest. Due to ill health, Mr. Tibbetts retired to Lake Isabella where he resided the past five years.

He is survived by two sons, Melvin of Long Beach and Charles of the US Navy; his mother Edith Tibbetts of Bakersfield; one brother, Norman of Lake Isabella; and two grandsons of Long Beach. Interment was in the old section of the cemetery. Arrangements handled by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Thursday  
Mar. 21, 1974

### **Mt. Mesa Man Killed**

ARTHUR J. JARRETT, 64, of Mt. Mesa was pronounced dead on arrival at Kern Valley Hospital on Friday, March 15 after he failed to negotiate an S curve on Highway 178 near Marina No. 1 just beyond Lake Isabella and plunged

over a 100 foot embankment. Jarrett was ejected from vehicle when it left the roadway. The accident occurred about 10:30 p.m. according to CHP Officer Verbie Pic Photo by Larry Bonneville

Thursday  
Mar. 28, 1974

OBITUARY

**Irwin R. Reither**

Services were held in memory of Irwin R. Reither, 54, on Wednesday, March 27 at 2 p.m. at the Kernville District Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Rev. Louis Gerdes, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church, officiated at the graveside services. Ardis Walker delivered the eulogy. Reither died on Monday, March 25 while playing golf at the Kern Valley Golf Course and was pronounced dead on arrival at the Kern Valley Hospital.

Reither was born on December 6, 1919 in Fullerton, California. He was a frequent visitor to the Kern Valley and he and Mrs. Reither were married here by Ardis Walker during the time Walker served as Justice of the Peace. The Reithers retired to the Valley six months ago and were the owners of Sierra Trailer Lodge, 448 Rio Vista Drive, Kernville.

He is survived by the widow, Betty Jane; his mother, Ella of Santa Ana; two sons, Gary of Santa Ana and David of Fullerton; and three grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Forrest F. Bulleit**

Graveside services were held at the Kern Valley District Cemetery at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26 in memory of Forrest F. Bulleit, 82, who passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital on March 24. Rev. Arthur Lewis, officiated at the service, interment followed the ceremony.

Bulleit was born on March 4, 1892 in Corydon, Indiana and was a retired accountant employed by the Ford Motor Company in Long Beach for 40 years. He and his wife, Helen were managers of Camp James in Kernville at the time of his death. He was a member of the Kern Valley Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by the widow, Helen; five sons, Robert Bulleit of Alhambra, Donald Bulleit of Tustin, Cecil Grover and William Clark all of Long Beach; three daughters, Anna Rush of La Habra, Patricia Biber of Long Beach and Carolyn Hinton of Long Beach; and five grandchildren. In lieu of flowers the family of the deceased requests donations be made to the Heart Monitor Fund at the Kern Valley Hospital.

Thursday  
Mar. 28, 1974

OBITUARY

**Margaret B.  
Parkinson**

Rosary services were said at St. Jude's Catholic Church on Tuesday, March 26 in memory of Margaret Bridget Parkinson, 67, who passed away on March 24 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Father Murphy conducted both the Rosary Mass and the chapel services at St. Jude's on Wednesday, March 27 at 10 a.m. Interment followed in the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Mrs. Parkinson was born in Tacoma, Washington on August 2, 1906 and lived in California for 65 years. She had resided in Wofford Heights for the past four years and was a member of the 55 Plus Club and the Dam Dancers.

She is survived by the widower, Harry; three sons, Donald of South Lake, Robert of Lake Wood, James of Huntington Beach; three brothers, Bob Gibson and Kenneth Gibson of Lawndale and James Gibson of Fountain Valley; two sisters, Bernice Dresser of Huntington Beach and Lillian Ward of Capistrano; and nine grandchildren.

Thursday  
Mar. 28, 1974

OBITUARY

**Phoebe Link**

Services will be held at St. Jude's Catholic Church on Friday, March 29 at 10 a.m. for Mrs. Phoebe Link, 69, who died on Tuesday, March 26 at Memorial Hospital in Bakersfield. Father Murphy will officiate at the memorial service and interment will follow at the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Mrs. Link was born on June 15, 1904 in Minnesota and had been a realtor in the Kern River Valley for the last 25 years. She had lived in California for 39 years and was a member of the Havilah Centennial Group.

She is survived by four brothers; Eugene Moffatt of Seattle, Leonard Moffatt of Portland, Lawrence Moffatt of Portland, Charles Moffatt of Orinda, California; one sister, Mary Catherine White of Bakersfield; and many nieces and nephews.

Donations in honor of the deceased are being accepted by the Havilah Centennial Group of which she was an active member. A memorial in her name is to be placed in the Kern County Courthouse Replica in Havilah. Donations may be mailed to Havilah Centennial Group, Box 32, Bodfish, California 93205.



## KERN VALLEY SUN

Thursday  
Apr. 11, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Dorothy F. Jones**

Memorial services were held on Monday, April 8 to 10:30 a.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Dorothy Fay Jones, 54, who passed away at Physicians Hospital in Bakersfield on April 4. Rev. Oren Ice officiated at the service and interment followed at the Kern Valley District Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Dorothy was born on February 10, 1920 in Durante, Oklahoma. She had lived in California for 20 years and in the Kern Valley for the past 11 years. She was a staunch supporter of the youth of the Valley and was actively involved in Little League and the Bronc Boosters Club. She was employed by the Kernville School District for a time, and made many contributions to the young peoples athletic programs.

She is survived by four sons - Billy Gene Jones of Ft. Worth, Texas, Capt. Benny Allen Parker of Kansas, and Kenneth and Richard Jones of Lake Isabella; two daughters - Sharon Miles of Ft. Worth, Texas and Terri Jones of Lake Isabella; four brothers - Buster Terry of Ft. Worth, Texas, Lewis Terry of Cleburne, Texas, William Terry of Anchorage, Alaska, Bobby Terry of Amarillo, Texas; five sisters - Pauline Houghton of Austin, Texas, Ila Cunningham of Crowley, Mae Thomas of Downey, Maurine Doak of Las Vegas, Nell Tubbs of Ft. Worth; one grandson, David Mark Miles of Ft. Worth and two granddaughters, Maurine and Bonita Parker of Kansas.

**P. P. McGee**

Services were held on Monday, April 8 at 2 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Philletus Philologus McGee, 87, of 2128 Commercial Street in Lake Isabella. Rev. Willard Vanfosson officiated and interment was April 9 at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield.

McGee was born on October 19, 1888 in Marietta, Georgia and he passed away on April 6 at the Kern Valley Hospital. He had lived in Lake Isabella for 3½ years and in the state for the last 52 years. He is survived by his widow, Leopoldine.

Thursday  
Apr. 11, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Marie Jordan**

Services will be held in the Valley Mortuary Chapel at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 11 (today) in memory of Marie Catherine Jordan, 78, who passed away on April 8 at Kern General Hospital in Bakersfield. She had been residing at the Pioneer Guest Home in Bakersfield. Following chapel services, interment will be at the Kern Valley District Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mrs. Jordan was born in Illinois on September 27, 1895 and had been a resident of the Kern Valley for the past 34 years. Until her change of residence she had been a member of the local chapter of the Lady Elks.

She is survived by two sons, Joseph Grace of San Diego and Patrick Grace of El Cajon; fifteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

**Dorothy Chemnitzer**

Memorial services were read for Dorothy L. Chemnitzer, 59, of Wofford Heights in the Valley Mortuary Chapel on Wednesday, April 10 at 10 a.m. Christian Science Church conducted the ceremony and interment followed at the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Mrs. Chemnitzer was born in Avila, California and was a retired police-woman with the Redondo Beach Police Department. She had been a resident of the Oak Knolls section of Wofford Heights until the time of her death on April 8. Mrs. Chemnitzer was instrumental in the organization of the local chapter of Order of Eastern Star and served two terms as Worthy Matron. She is Past Matron of the Carnation chapter of Order of Eastern Star in Long Beach.

She is survived by the widower, Henry; one sister, Madeline Alsop of Kernville and her mother, Mrs. Minnie Caifa of Long Beach.

Thursday  
Apr. 11, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Marie A. Gehersky**

Services were held at Valley Mortuary Chapel on Wednesday, April 10 at 1 p.m. for Marie Alvina Gehersky, 83, who died on April 8 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Services were conducted by the Seventh Day Adventist Church and interment followed at the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Mrs. Gehersky was born on July 13, 1890 in North Dakota and she had been a resident of Squirrel Valley for the past year.

She is survived by one son; Dale of Pico Rivers; three daughters, Urba Almany of Lake Isabella, June Moore of Shell Beach, Betty Emigh of Long Beach. Two brothers - Leonard Hiebert of Napa, John Hiebert of Georgia; three sisters - Emma Schwarz of Orange, Betty Wedel of Los Angeles, Sally Goset of Kelso, Washington; 13 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

**Herbert M. Stains**

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, April 9 at the Kern Valley District Cemetery for Herbert Matlock Stains, 45, of Sylmar and Kernville, who was killed in an airplane accident in San Fernando on April 5.

Officers of the San Fernando Elks Lodge No. 1539 conducted services for Stains on Monday, April 8 at 6 p.m. at the Noble Mortuary Chapel in San Fernando. He was maintenance foreman for Olive View Hospital in Sylmar at the time of his death.

Stains will be remembered by Kern Valley Boy Scouts for his outstanding organization of the Fly-In in April, 1973 which in turn provided funds towards their trip to the National Jamboree.

He is survived by three sons; Russell, Michael and Herbert 11, of Sylmar; three brothers - Aubrey L. Stains, Emmett F. Stains and Bland Harris; one sister - Jeanne G. Mallman; his mother, Marguerite Harris; his father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey L. Stains formerly of Oakland now residents of Kernville.



## KERN VALLEY SUN

Thursday  
Apr. 25, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Annie Robertson**

Services were held at the Weldon Methodist Church on Friday, April 19 at 11 a.m. in memory of Annie Robertson, 88, one of the true pioneer women of the South Fork Country, who passed away on April 14 Long Beach. Rev. Mark Stahnke, pastor of the Methodist Church, officiated at the ceremony and interment followed in the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Annie Robertson came to Weldon from Scotland with her parents, David and Rebecca Alexander, in 1896. She grew up in a ranching family and married Jim Robertson in 1905. She lived within one mile of Weldon until she moved to Long Beach last year to be near her daughter, Evelyn. In the early years, Jim and Annie Robertson donated the land for the South Fork Recreation Club, the same land on which the South Fork Womans Club now stands.

Mrs. Robertson was an active member of the Weldon Methodist Church, the South Fork Woman's Club and an honorary member of the Rebeccas and the Kern County Cowbells.

She is survived by her daughter, Evelyn Holster of Long Beach; two grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Thursday  
Apr. 25, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Jess J. Kidwell**

Rosary will be said on Friday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Gregory the Great, Telegraph Road, Whittier in memory of Jess J. Kidwell, 88, who passed away on April 23 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Mass will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 27 with Father Ruddy officiating at both ceremonies. Interment will follow at Olive Lawn Cemetery in La Mirada.

Kidwell was a resident of Bodfish for the past three years and retired plant manager of American Molasses Company of Whittier, where he was employed for 28 years. He was born on October 10, 1907 in Martin County, Indiana.

He is survived by the widow, Jackie of Bodfish; two brothers, Curtis J. Kidwell of Indiana and W. E. Kidwell of Parker, Arizona; and two sisters, Mary Madden of Indiana and Lettie Truelove of Southgate. Arrangements by Utter McKinley Mortuary of Downey.

Thursday  
Apr. 25, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Robert Brazeau**

Services were held at the valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella on Tuesday, April 23 at 10 a.m. for Robert Joseph Brazeau, 51, of Johnsondale who died Friday, April 19 as the result of an automobile accident. The son of the deceased, Rev. Robert Brazeau Jr., minister of Music and Evangelism of the First Presbyterian Church of Visalia, officiated at the memorial ceremony. Interment followed in the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Brazeau, better known as "Frenchy" was employed by the J. J. Hearn Logging Company in Johnsondale. He had lived at 249 Main Street in Johnsondale for seven years, and was born on September 18, 1922 in The Dells, Oregon. Brazeau was a member of the Sidewalk CB Club and the Banjo Club of Fresno.

He is survived by the widow, Maxine of Johnsondale; four sons, Robert Jr. of Visalia, John of San Francisco, James of Tustin and Wilfred John III of Johnsondale; two daughters, Suzanne Carr of Carson City, Nevada and Barbara McIntosh of Johnsondale; one brother Wilfred John II of New York; his mother, Viola Brazeau of Fresno and four grandchildren.

Thursday  
May 2, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Geoffrey R. Lawes**

Services were held in the sanctuary of the First Southern Baptist Church of Kernville on Friday, April 26 in memory of Geoffrey Lawes, 62, who passed away at his Kernville home on Tuesday, April 23. Rev. Louis Gerdes officiated at the ceremony and interment followed at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Lawes was born on June 21, 1911 in Toronto, Canada, but lived most of his life in Santa Monica. He was graduated from Santa Monica High School in 1930 and was employed for 33 years by the McDonald-Douglas Co. He retired in 1973 and moved to the Kern Valley.

He is survived by the widow, Ouida of Kernville.

Pallbearers were: Bill Ailred, Robert Antolic, Ralph Smith, Bill Chase, Willis Jackson and Jim Wilson. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
May 9, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Otis F. Clark**

Memorial services were held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7 at the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Otis Faulkner Clark, 59, of Bodfish who was killed in an airplane crash. Date of death is officially listed as May 2. President Emil Brown of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints in Mt. Mesa will conduct the chapel services assisted by Robert Whitlock and Lorin Mortenson. The soloist will be Marcia Merta, accompanied by Mrs. Geri Peacock. Interment will follow at the Kern River Valley District. The grave will be dedicated by George Hamilton.

Clark was born on February 16, 1915 in Nebraska and had been a resident of the state of California for 25 years. He was employed as a truck driver by Sequoia Logging Company in Johnsondale at the time of his death.

Clark is survived by the widow, Irene of Canal Street in Bodfish; two sons, Robert of Redding and Edward of Anderson; two daughters, Diana Griffin of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Sylvia of Bodfish; two brothers, Frank Clark of Ft. Collins, Colorado and Willard Clark of Cheyenne, Wyoming; one sister, Emma Cooksey of Oakland; and nine grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Glen Colby, Jim Hearn, Henry Ramey, Bob Clark, Ed Clark, Lloyd Osborn and honorary pallbearers will be Odell Henderson and Roger Alves. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
May 9, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Dale Bennett**

Graveside services were held at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery in Wofford Heights at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 6 for Jennings Dale Bennett, 38, of Weldon. Bennett was killed in an airplane crash near Johnsondale, date of death is officially listed as May 2. Rev. Fred Cottriel, pastor of the First Assembly of God Church of Bakersfield officiated at the service assisted by Rev. Ed McCallie, pastor of the Wofford Heights Assembly of God Church.

Bennett was born on December 20, 1935 in Yucaipa and operated the Kern Valley Saw Shop in Lake Isabella for the past two years. He resided on Kelso Creek Road in Weldon.

He is survived by the widow, Jeltje; one son, Jennings William Bennett; one brother, Ronald of Bodfish; one sister, Dorothy Gowen of Mississippi; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Bennett of Yucaipa. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

## KERN VALLEY SUN

Thursday  
May 16, 1974

## OBITUARY

*Bianca Gia*

Graveside rites were held at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14 for Bianca Gia, 79, who passed away on May 11 at the Country Cottage Convalescent Hospital in Wasco. Services were conducted by Mtnsr. Renner of St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights.

Mrs. Gia was born on December 25, 1894 in Italy and she had lived in California for 55 years. She was a resident of the Kern Valley for 15 years.

She is survived by her husband, Ezlo of Bodfish; two sons, Paul of Bodfish and Pete of Torrance; one daughter, Minnie Mullanario of Salinas; 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
May 16, 1974

## OBITUARY

*Mary W. Coovert*

Memorial services were held at the Valley Mortuary Chapel on Tuesday, May 14 at 2 p.m. for Mary Walder Coovert, 86, who passed away on May 11 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Willard Vanfossen, pastor of the Kernville United Methodist Church, officiated at the ceremony. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Mrs. Coovert was born on October 7, 1887 in Park River, Illinois. She had lived in California for 52 years and in the Kern River Valley for 5 years.

She is survived by her husband, Dave of Wofford Heights; one son, Elmo R. Coovert of Wofford Heights; one sister, Ruby Smith of Salinas; 2 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Thursday  
May 16, 1974

## OBITUARY

*Ernest A. Worrell*

Services were held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 13 at the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Ernest Alvin Worrell, 66, who died May 9 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Dr. Frank Bentley of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella officiated at the ceremony and inurnment followed at Inglewood Park in Inglewood.

Mr. Worrell was born in Canada on May 7, 1908 and moved to California 40 years ago. He was a retired painter and had been employed by the Jack Bryant Co. in Los Angeles until he came to the Kern Valley 4 years ago.

He is survived by the widow, Inez of Wofford Heights; one daughter, Evelyn Laurence of Los Angeles and two grandchildren.

Thursday  
May 23, 1974

OBITUARY

### *Richard D. Cole*

Richard D. Cole, 69, died at his home in Kernville on May 19. He was born in Nebraska in 1904. He has lived in California since 1937. His survivors are his wife and friend, H. Faye Cole of 144 Mountain Drive in Kernville; his daughter and friend, R. R. Coulmbe; his son and friend H. T. Cole; and two grandsons and friends, B. L. Cole and R. D. Cole, all living in California. Interment was at Kern River Valley District Cemetery on Wednesday, May 22 at 2 p.m. by Valley Mortuary.

### *LeRoy Strickland*

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 23 at the Valley Mortuary Chapel for LeRoy Strickland, 77, who died on May 20 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Mark Stahnke, pastor of the Weldon Methodist Church and the Highland Chapel, will officiate at the service. Private graveside services will be held at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Mr. Strickland was born on April 24, 1897 in Oceanville, New Jersey. He had lived in California for 32 years and was a retired paint foreman for the W. S. Kline Paint Company in Los Angeles. He resided at 2900 Steenson Avenue in Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his widow, Sarah; two sons, LeRoy Jr. of Van Nuys and Joseph of Carson City, Nevada; one sister, Essie Steelman of Baltimore, Maryland; four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Thursday  
May 23, 1974

OBITUARY

### *Mildred D. Pettit*

Memorial services were held on Wednesday, May 22 at 10:30 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Mildred D. Pettit, 72, who passed away on May 20 at the Parkview Real Convalescent Hospital in Bakersfield. Dr. Frank Bently officiated at the service and interment followed at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Mrs. Pettit was born on April 4, 1902 in West Virginia. She had lived in California for 33 years and in the Kern River Valley for the past 13 years.

She is survived by her son, Ira Rickman of Lake Isabella and one daughter, Marie Rickman of Wofford Heights. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
May 30, 1974

OBITUARY

### *Emma Reid*

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in Highland Chapel in Lake Isabella for Emma Margaret Reid, 88, Isabella, who died May 23 in a Bakersfield convalescent hospital. Elder Glen Burton will officiate and interment will follow in the Kernville Cemetery. She was a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and lived in the Kernville area for 39 years.

Pallbearers will be Ivan Foote, Eddie Matz, Hal Glose, Bill Dolloff, Bill Duncan and Dick Langford. Doughty-Calhon-O'-Meara Mortuary directors.

### *John P. Hinkey*

Graveside services were held on Monday, May 20 at the Old Kernville Cemetery in memory of John Paul Hinkey, 55, who passed away in the Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles on May 16. Officials of the Kern River Valley B.P.O.E. No. 2358 officiated at the ceremony.

Hinkey was born in Cokeville, Wyoming in 1919. He had been a long time resident of the Kern River Valley and was the former owner of The Hut in Kernville.

He is survived by the widow, Georgia; two sons, Rex and Theodore; one daughter, Barbara Stephens; two brothers, Ted and Dennis; two sisters, Peggy Jackson and Patricia McPhearson and seven grandchildren.

Thursday  
June 13, 1974

OBITUARY

**Lenore Malouf**

Lenore Malouf, 57, 3309 Fillmore, Bakersfield, died June 10 following an extended illness. The deceased is the mother of CHP officer Jim Malouf. Greenlawn Mortuary is in charge of funeral arrangements.

**Claude J. Brewer**

Maude J. Brewer, 83, of 1468 Calle Colina, Thousand Oaks, died Monday morning at a local hospital after a brief illness.

She was born March 21, 1891 in Canada. She had been a resident of The Conejo for the past six weeks, moving here from Lake Isabella. She was a retired executive secretary for the Department of Defense.

She is survived by a son, Jameson Brewer of Thousand Oaks; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Burial will take place in the Sentinel Butte Cemetery, Beach, North Dakota. Griffin Brothers Funeral Chapel in Thousand Oaks is in charge of the arrangements.

Thursday  
June 27, 1974

OBITUARY

**Erica Lotto Kraemer**

Erica Lotto Kraemer, 59, passed away June 19, at the Kern Valley Hospital. She was born in Germany, Feb. 2, 1915 and is survived by her husband, August. Arrangements for direct cremation were by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

**Walter C. Smith**

Walter C. Smith, 72, died at his home June 20 at Kelso Valley Rd., Weldon. Smith was a retired foreman at Kernville Honor Farm.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, June 25 at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield with Rev. Catrell officiating.

Survivors include his wife, Rosella, a son, Cecil, Lake Isabella; daughter, Lola Sabolini, Bakersfield; one brother, Sam, Bakersfield; two sisters, Elsie Smith, Bakersfield and Tillie Brumfield, Glosker, Miss.; and four grandchildren. Smith was born June 20, 1902.

Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella, was in charge of arrangements.



## KERN VALLEY SUN

Wednesday  
July 3, 1974

OBITUARY

Thursday  
July 11, 1974

OBITUARY

Thursday  
July 25, 1974

OBITUARY

### James L. Thomas

Services were held in the First Baptist Church at Lake Isabella Monday at 2 p.m. for James L. Thomas, 78, who died June 27 in a Mountain Mesa hospital. The Rev. R. Dale Brown will officiate. Mr. Thomas was born in Missouri and had resided in Kern County 16 years. He is survived by the widow, Melba, Lake Isabella; daughter, Bea Thomas of Detroit; son, James Jr. of Grand Rapids, Mich.; 4 brothers, Steve, Roy and Guy Thomas and Ollis Snyder of Indiana. Pallbearers were James Ash, Jerry Hubble, Larry Evans, Steve Manley, Norman Haverlson and Bill Denning. Interment was in the Kernville District Cemetery, Hillcrest Mortuary.

### George Hitchcock

George Arson Hitchcock, 68, died July 2, 1974.

Born in Cookeville, Tennessee, March 22, 1906, he moved to California in 1941, and to the valley in 1968. He was a retired Security guard from Standard Oil of California, at El Segundo. Hitchcock was active in the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella, and was a chairman in the American Baptist Men's Fellowship there.

He is survived by a wife, Mattie, of Wofford Heights; a brother, Jim Hitchcock of Watsonville, California; 2 sons, Clifford of Rolling Hills, California and Kenneth of Lake Isabella; a daughter, Georgla Cagle of Anaheim. A step-mother, Naomi Howell of Cookeville, Tennessee. 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

### Darrell Davis

Darrell J. Davis, 72, 2029 Rainbow Drive, Lake Isabella, died July 8 in Bakersfield. Davis was born in Nebraska on May 10, 1902.

He is survived by his wife, Frances E. Davis, and two nieces. Davis belonged to the Pressman's Club and was a life member of the National Rifle Assoc.

Interment was held Wednesday, July 10 at 11 a.m. with graveside services at Kern River Valley District Cemetery. Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella, was in charge of arrangements.

### Julian R. Kinney

Julian R. Kinney, 69, of 201 North Drive, Bodfish, passed away July 20 at Kern Valley Hospital. Survivors include his wife, Ada; a daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Armenta, Montebello; sons James of Lakewood, and Christopher of Bodfish; a sister, Lee Hayden of Panorama City; and two brothers, Lawrence of Glendora, and Phillip of Van Nuys.

Kinney retired in 1971 from Southern Pacific Railroad after 34 years as a claim inspector. He had resided in the valley since 1972.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the American Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements by Forest Lawn, Cypress.



Thursday  
Aug. 1, 1974

OBITUARY

### *Rilly A. Hamilton*

Rilly Ann Hamilton, 39, died July 23 from injuries received in an auto accident last May in the Kern River Valley. Mrs. Hamilton, Kernville, died in Memorial Hospital, Bakersfield.

She is survived by her husband, Deon, a daughter, 17 and two sons, ages 13 and 11.

Services were conducted Monday, July 29. Interment was at Valley Cemetery with Valley Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

### *William E. Erickson*

Former resident of the Kern Valley William Edwin Erickson died last Friday in Harbor City at the age of 68. Erickson was born in North Dakota on Jan. 12, 1908.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn, a son, Eugene of Lomita, a step-daughter, Eleanor McMinn of Washington, a brother and two grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at Gamby Mortuary in Lomita.

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OBITUARY

### *Sylvester B. Reynar*

Long time Kernville resident, Sylvester B. Reynar, passed away on Aug. 3 in Kern Valley Hospital at the age of 78. Reynar, a retired scenic painter for Warner Brothers Studio, who lived at 32 Burlando Rd., Kernville, was a resident of the valley for the past 17 years. Born in Chicago on Oct. 22, 1895, Reynar had lived in California for the past 58 years.

He is survived by his wife Kathryn, and a son, Benson Reynar, III. Sylvester was a member of Elks Lodge No. 99 and VFW Post 7665 in the valley.

Graveside services were held yesterday, Wednesday, Aug. 7 at Kern Valley Cemetery by Rev. Myron Goodyear.

### *Milton P. Alpheus*

Milton Peck Alpheus, 10 year resident of the valley, died July 31 at Hilltop Convalescent Hospital in Bakersfield at the age of 84.

He is survived by his wife Leona of 130 Cactus St., Lake Isabella, a son, Charles, of Honolulu and a daughter, Louise Kuziari, of San Fernando. He had been a California resident for 30 years.

No services were held for Alpheus who was born in New York on Sept. 2, 1889. He was interred on Wednesday, Aug. 7 in Kern Valley Cemetery.

Thursday  
Aug. 8, 1974

OBITUARY

### *Kenneth H. Gorseth*

Kenneth Howard Gorseth passed away last Sunday, Aug. 5 at Kern Valley Hospital at age 59. Gorseth, who resided at 2802 Steensen St., Lake Isabella, was born July 25, 1914 in Wall, South Dakota. He had been a resident of the valley for three years.

Gorseth is survived by his wife Verna, two sons, Kenneth Lee and Ronald Ray, both of Lakewood, two brothers, Lowell and James and one sister, Berniece Hase, all of Minneapolis and six grandchildren.

Services will be held tomorrow, Aug. 9, at 1 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Arthur Lewis officiating. Burial will be at Kern Valley Cemetery.

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Thursday  
Aug. 15, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Joan Cecile Peart**

Joan Cecile Peart, 22, Lake Isabella, died August 7, 1974 in Mercy Hospital, Bakersfield, CA. Born August 21, 1952 in Seattle, Washington. Joan was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Peart, Lake Isabella.

Besides her parents, Joan is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Sylvia Moeller, Los Angeles; Mrs. Anna Odahara, Aiea, Hawaii, and Mrs. Helen Holmes, Bishop, CA; one brother, John Peart, Lake Isabella, and a grandmother, Mrs. Anna Betts, Weaverville, CA.

Services were conducted Friday, Aug. 9 at Valley Mortuary Chapel, Lake Isabella, with the Rev. Myron Goodyear, Kernville United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was at Weaverville Cemetery, in Weaverville, CA.

Thursday  
Aug. 15, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Sam Smith**

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 14 at the Kern Valley District Cemetery in memory of Sam Smith, 68, who passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital on August 11. Rev. Hugh Power, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella, officiated at the ceremony.

Smith was born in Arkansas on October 8, 1905. He had lived in California for 44 years and was a retired machine builder employed by Weston Hydraulics in Van Nuys. Smith lived at the Jesse James Trailer Park in Wofford Heights. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past year, and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by the widow, Elizabeth; two sons, Glenn of Reedsville, Georgia and Richard Stephens of Manhattan Beach; one daughter, Barbara Wilds of Reedsville, Georgia; two sisters, Ruth Mayes of Saugus and Imogene Westerfield of Burbank; three grandchildren and one great grandchild. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Aug. 15, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Verna M. Callaway**

Memorial services were held at the Greenlawn Mortuary Chapel in Bakersfield at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 5 for Verna Martha Callaway, 69, who died in a Bakersfield hospital on August 1. Rev. D.V.C. Black, pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church in Bakersfield officiated at the services. Interment followed in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Callaway was born on July 10, 1905 in Colorado. She came to California 54 years ago and had lived in Kern County for 35 years. At the time of her death, she resided at 131 Douglas St. in Oildale. For five years, she was employed as a saleslady by Montgomery Ward Co.

She is survived by two daughters, Betty James of Kernville and Donna Walpole of Morro Bay; one sister, Ruby Harwood of Oildale; 14 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Arrangements by Greenlawn Mortuary.

Thursday  
Aug. 22, 1974

OBITUARY

### **Clayton L. Adams**

Funeral services will be held this Friday at 1 p.m. at Valley Mortuary for Clayton L. Adams, 10 year resident of Wofford Heights, who passed away Monday night at Kern Valley Hospital.

Adams, age 73, was born on Feb. 11, 1901 in Emporium, PA. He retired in 1963 after 30 years service with Southern California Edison.

Clayton is survived by his wife Wilma and daughter Myrtle Briggs of Wofford Heights. The Adams' were due to celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary on Sept. 1.

He was a member of the B.P.O.E. in Wofford Heights since the local chapter was formed and was a 28-year member of the organization. He was also a member of the 55 Plus Club locally.

Burial will take place in Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier, Calif.

Thursday  
Aug. 29, 1974

OBITUARY

### **Mildred L. Johnson**

Services were held for Mildred L. Johnson on Tuesday at Valley Mortuary. Mrs. Johnson, age 64, passed away on Aug. 22 in Bishop. Rev. Mark Stahnke officiated.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by her husband Walter, one son, Larry of Manhattan Beach and a brother, Edward Crowell of Los Angeles.

The Johnsons own the Sunset Trailer Park in Lake Isabella. Mrs. Johnson was a member of the 55 Plus Club, Pink Ladies Auxiliary of Kern Valley Hospital and the Kern River Valley Art Association.

### **James H. Jorgensen**

Services will be held for James Hans Jorgensen, 72, tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 30, at Valley Mortuary Chapel at 2 p.m. Officiating will be Jeffery Moody and Rulon Scott of the Latter Day Saints Church.

Jorgensen, who came to Wofford Heights 38 years ago, passed away at the Bakersfield Convalescent Hospital on Aug. 26. He was born in Pleasant, Utah on May 24, 1902.

He is survived by his widow, Marie, two daughters, Doris Moody of Bakersfield and Joyce Hutcherson of Covina, a brother, Ramus of Utah and three sisters, Alice Hanson, Helen Tuttle and Lousise Maxwell, all of Utah, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Jorgensen, a member of the LDS Church, was a past president of the Wofford Heights Chamber of Commerce, grand master of the Order of Oddfellows and a director of Kern Mines, Inc. (Big Blue Mine).

Thursday  
Sept. 5, 1974

## OBITUARY

**IRENE RAMONA GATES**

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, September 3 at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery for Irene Ramona Gates, 75, who passed away on August 30 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Peabody officiated at the ceremony.

Mrs. Gates was born on June 6, 1899 in Crystal Point, Wisconsin. She had lived in California for 52 years and in the Kern River Valley for the last 14 years.

She is survived by one son, George of Walnut Creek; one daughter, Alice of Oxnard; one brother, Ken of North Hollywood and one sister, Hazel of Kernville; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Thursday  
Sept. 12, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Charles F. Dwyer**

Services were held Monday, Sept. 9, at 1 p.m. at Hillcrest Mortuary Chapel for Charles F. Dwyer, 74, who died Sept. 5 in Kernville. The officiant was Robert Williams, past master of the Kern River Valley Lodge No. 827 F&AM.

Dwyer was born in Belle Plaine, Iowa and resided in Kern County 41 years. He is survived by his widow Beryl of Kernville; a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Tedora, Wofford Heights; 3 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Casket bearers were members of the Kern River Valley Lodge No. 827, F&AM. Interment was in Hillcrest Memorial Park, Bakersfield.

Thursday  
Sept. 19, 1974

OBITUARY

### **Lonny Hurst**

Services were held on September 19 at 11 a.m. in the Hillcrest Memorial Chapel for Lonny Hurst, 61, who died September 15 in a Bakersfield hospital. Rev. D.V. Black of St. Mark's Methodist Church officiated at the services. Interment followed in the Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Hurst was born on July 6, 1913 in Longmont, Colorado. He served as Battalion Chief of the Kernville station for the Kern County Fire Department for 18 years until his retirement in 1971.

He was a member of the Caledonia Lodge No. 486, F&AM; Past Patron of the Caledonia Chapter No. 391, Order of Eastern Star; president of Kern County Fire Department Retired Employees, and a veteran of World War II.

Hurst is survived by the widow, Anne of Bakersfield; one son, James Hurst; one daughter Mrs. Connie Herndon and four grandchildren, all of Bakersfield; his mother, Mrs. Ruth Hurst of Lynwood; a sister, Mrs. Eileen Peach of Huntington Beach; and a brother, Donald Hurst of Bellflower. Arrangements by Hillcrest Mortuary.

### **Chester S. Lutz**

Chester S. "Happy" Lutz, 75, a resident of North Fork Trailer Park passed away on September 10 at the Ridgecrest Community Hospital. Cremation was in San Bernardino. He had lived in the Kern Valley for the past 4 years.

Mr. Lutz is survived by the widow, Leola of Kernville; two sons, Richard of Reseda and James of San Carlos; three stepchildren, LeRoy Young of Fair Oaks, Ann Guy of South Pasadena, Doris Young of Eugene, Oregon; two sisters of Seattle, Washington; ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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OBITUARY

### **George A. Fetter**

Services were held at the First Baptist Church, Lake Isabella, Tuesday at 1 p.m. for George A. Fetter, 88, who died Sept. 14 in the Kern Valley Hospital. The Rev. Hugh Powers of the First Baptist Church officiated. Mr. Fetter was born in Ohio and resided in the Kernville area for 46 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Oddfellows Lodge No. 251 and the Rebekah Lodge No. 365. Mr. Fetter is survived by his wife, Lois; daughter, Eileen Carlross of Tulsa, Okla.; 2 stepdaughters, Mrs. Ruth Wrenn of Eden, N.C., Mrs. Helen Finley of Dyer, Ind.; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Interment was in Kernville District Cemetery. Payne & Sons Funeral Home.

### **Michael Anderson**

Graveside services were held at Hillcrest Memorial Park Monday at 9:30 a.m. for Michael E. Anderson, 22, who died Sept. 11 in Bakersfield. Mr. Jack Harney, pastor of the Eastside Christian Church officiated. Mr. Anderson was born in Bakersfield and had resided there all his life. He is survived by his wife, Debi of Bakersfield; mother, Mrs. Maude Havercroft of Bakersfield; 2 brothers, Bradley Anderson, John Havercroft, Bakersfield; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lofton of Lake Isabella. Hillcrest Mortuary.

Thursday  
Sept. 26, 1974

OBITUARY

### **Lonnie Arnold**

Memorial services were held on Friday, September 20 at the Assembly of God Church in Wofford Heights for Lonnie Marie Arnold, 29, who died at the Kern Valley Hospital on September 17. Graveside rites at the Kern Valley District Cemetery were directed by Rev. Ed McCallie.

Mrs. Arnold was a native of California, born on April 10, 1945. She and her family have lived in the Kern River Valley since 1969 and she was employed by the Onyx Emporium at the time of her death.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; one son, Sean; one daughter, Kimbra Marie Lonnie; one brother, John Taylor of San Diego; one sister, Jaymnie Morgan of Mississippi; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor of Onyx.



## KERN VALLEY SUN

Thursday  
Oct. 17, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Thomas C. Powers**

Memorial services will be held on Friday, October 18 at 1 p.m. at the Wofford Heights Foursquare Church for Thomas Charles Powers, 22, who died as the result of an accident on October 12 near Half Moon Bay in Northern California. Rev. Larry Six and Rev. Richard Magness will officiate in the church rite and at graveside. Interment will be in the Kern River Valley District cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Tommy was born in Bakersfield on December 15, 1951, and lived in the Kern River Valley until he graduated from Kern Valley High School in 1970. He was a 6th generation native, whose family settled here in 1861. Following graduation, Tommy spent 4 years in the United States Navy, much of that time he spent aboard the Kitty Hawk working in the field of flight control. He was discharged in June, 1974. At the time of his death he was employed by Rancho Canada De Verde Inc., Redwood City.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Powers of Wofford Heights; three brothers, David, Kenneth, and Bobby; one sister, Susann, all of Wofford Heights; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Ada DaMant of Sanger; and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Isabelle Powers of Bakersfield.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Tommy's name to the Rev. Swift Memorial Fund at the Wofford Heights Foursquare Church. Arrangements by Hillcrest Mortuary, Bakersfield.

Thursday  
Oct. 17, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Marie Jorgensen**

Services were held at the Valley Mortuary Chapel at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16 in memory of Marie B. Jorgensen, 88, who died on October 13 at the San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield. President Emil Brown and Jeffrey Moody of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints officiated at the ceremony. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mrs. Jorgensen was born December 14, 1905 in Butler, Utah. She had been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 38 years. In 1942 she served as Noble Grand of the Kernville Rebekah Lodge and she was at one time president of the South Fork Woman's Club, past president of the Wofford Heights Chamber of Commerce and Improvement Group, and past president of the Business and Professional Women's Club. She was serving as treasurer of the BPW at the time of her death.

Mrs. Jorgensen was librarian of the Wofford Heights branch of the Kern County Library for 10 years until her retirement.

She is survived by two daughters, Doris Moody of Bakersfield and Joyce Hutcherson of Covina; two brothers, Mark Butler of Utah and Bill Butler of Marysville; three sisters, Lida Sundquist, Helen Kresen and Fawn Smith, all of Utah; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Leland Scott, Vernon Blount, Jeff Moody, Jack Wood, Robert Christiansen and Chet Torrow. Honorary pallbearers were Merrel Hight, Waldo Ellis, Clifford Cross, Joe Hall, Larry Paggi, Duke Bloom and Edward Metz.

Thursday  
Oct. 17, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Geraldine  
Littlefield**

Services were held on September 28 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of the Chimes in Inglewood for Geraldine L. Littlefield, 64, of Panorama Drive in Kernville who passed away on September 26 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Interment followed at the Inglewood Cemetery.

Mrs. Littlefield had been a resident of the Kern Valley for the past four years. She was born on May 10, 1910 in Missouri and had lived in the Los Angeles area prior to retiring to the valley. She was an active member of the South Fork Woman's Club and the Kern River Valley Historical Society.

She is survived by the widower, Stanton Littlefield of Kernville; one daughter, Guenn Morrison of Los Angeles; a grandson, Stephen Morrison and two sisters.



## KERN VALLEY SUN

Thursday  
Nov. 7, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Robert J. Riggs**

Services were held on Tuesday, November 5 at 2 p.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Robert Joseph Riggs, 52, who died on October 31 in Mojave. Rev. Hugh Power, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella, officiated and interment followed at the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Riggs was born in Oregon on March 14, 1922. At the time of his death he was employed by the U.S. Borax Co. in Boron as a bulldozer operator.

He is survived by the widow, Joyce, of Lake Isabella; three sons, Gerald and Russell of Lake Isabella, and Gary of Frazier Park; one daughter, Rose Ann Riggs of Wyoming; one sister, Alice Freeman of Oregon; four brothers, Frances of Boston, Everett of Soledad, Jim and Riley of Oregon; and four grandchildren.

Thursday  
Nov. 14, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Emma Liebel**

Memorial services will be held today, Thursday, November 14 at 2 p.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Emma Liebel, 91, a native of the Kern River Valley. Mrs. Liebel passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital on Sunday, November 10. Rev. Mark Stahnke, pastor of the Weldon Methodist Church and the Highland Chapel Methodist Church, will officiate at the ceremony and interment will follow in the old Kern Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Emma Liebel was born in Kelso Valley on May 22, 1883 and lived in the valley until her death. She and her husband, Otto, built their ranch home at the top of Erskine Creek Road, where her youngest son Frank and his family still reside. One of the true pioneer women, Emma bore 12 children and struggled to raise them in the gold mining camps on the Piute Mountain.

She is survived by 10 children; six sons - Frank, Lake Isabella; George, Bodfish; Philip, Los Angeles; Rudolph, Bakersfield; Clemmens, Los Angeles; Theodore, Bakersfield. Four daughters - Caroline Houser, Onyx; Rosa West, Michigan City, Indiana; Mary Edall, Los Lunas, New Mexico; Barbara Brassfield, Bakersfield; 37 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Nov. 14, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Frankie B. Baker**

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12 at the Old Kernville District Cemetery in memory of Frankie Bernice Baker, 71, of Kernville, who passed away on November 8 in Bakersfield. The Rev. Morrill W. Peabody officiated at the services.

Mrs. Baker was born in Bakersfield and lived all of her life in Kern County. She is survived by a son, Russell Baker; one daughter, Mrs. June Sherman, both of Bakersfield; two sisters, Mrs. Grace Garland of Bakersfield and Mrs. Nellie Aspittle of Ridgecrest; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Arrangements by Doughty-Calhoun and O'Meara Funeral Home.

**Frances A. Bach**

Chapel services were held on November 6 at the Westminster Memorial Park Mortuary in Westminster in memory of Frances Ann Bach, 78, who died on November 3. Interment followed in the Westminster Memorial Park. She is survived by the widower, Soren K. Bach; two daughters, Billie Zeran and Beverly Elder, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Thursday  
Nov. 21, 1974

## OBITUARY

**C. L. Gray**

Services were held on Wednesday, November 20 at 2 p.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel in memory of C.L. Gray, Kilbreth Street, Bodfish, who passed away on November 16 at the City of Hope in Duarte, California. Rev. Archie Miller, pastor of the Pentacostal Church of God, and members of the B.P.O.E. No. 2358 officiated at the chapel and graveside services. Interment was at Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Gray was born October 2, 1913 in Gainesville, Texas. Best known to his friends as "Charlie," C.L. was a retired dry cleaning operator. He was last employed by Duds and Suds in Kernville. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and famous in valley circles for his talents as a musician. He organized the Gray Brothers Western Band. Gray was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 8 years and of the state for 31 years.

He is survived by the widow, Delores; his mother, Minnie Ola Gray of Bakersfield; four brothers, Glenn C. Gray of Napa, Charles Gray of Lake Isabella, Woodrow Gray of Oklahoma City, and William Gray of Lake Isabella.

Thursday  
Nov. 21, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Gladys Greene**

Private services were held at the Valley Mortuary Chapel on November 19 for Gladys R. Greene, 73, of 1843 Anchorage Street, Wofford Heights, who died on November 18 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Morrill Peabody, pastor of the Episcopal Mission, officiated at the service. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, John; one son, James L. of Tuscon, Arizona; one daughter, Marilyn Lease of Long Beach; two sisters, Marguerite Ostrander of Stockton, and Laura Castleton of Oakland; and seven grandchildren.

Wednesday  
Nov. 27, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Willard Dockendorf**

Graveside services were observed at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 23 at the Desert Memorial Park in Ridgecrest in memory of Willard Joseph Dockendorf, 53, of Kem Street in Lake Isabella. Rev. Cal Torrance officiated at the service.

Mr. Dockendorf was born on February 11, 1921 in Chicago, Illinois, and he passed away on November 21 at Kern General Hospital in Bakersfield. He had lived in Kern County for 26 years and retired in 1964 as a Supply Clerk for the Naval Weapons Center at China Lake.

He is survived by four daughters; Rosemarie Tingle of Loma Linda, Fifi Rose Lee of Placentia, Susan Davoust and Phyliss Dockendorf both of Chicago; one brother, Edward Dockendorf of Indiana; one sister, Mrs. Arlene Prescott of Ridgecrest; and three grandchildren. Arrangements by Lyons Mortuary.

## KERN VALLEY SUN

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Dec. 5, 1974

## OBITUARY

**James C. Wrobel**

Services will be held today, Thursday, December 5 at the Inglewood Mortuary in memory of James Carl Wrobel, 49, of Wofford Heights who died on December 1 at Kern General Hospital in Bakersfield. Christian Science readers will officiate at the chapel service and interment will follow in Inglewood Cemetery.

Wrobel was born on January 8, 1925. He moved to the Kern River Valley in May after retiring from the Los Angeles Police force. He was a member of the Kern River Valley B.P.O.E. No. 2358 and the American Legion Post No. 188 in Inglewood.

He is survived by the widow, Jerric; one daughter, Patricia Schroeder of Inglewood; his aunt, Mrs. Louella McDonnell and a cousin, Lawrence Wrobel, both of Paradise, California. Arrangements by the Inglewood Mortuary.

## Mervin W. Mitterwallner

Services were held at St. Anthony's Episcopal Church in La Mesa on Wednesday, December 4 for Mervin W. "Bubbles" Mitterwallner, 77, who died on Sunday, December 1 at a convalescent home in El Cajon. "Bubbles" will be remembered in the Kern Valley as an associate of the late Jack Ewing. He greeted friends from the same seat near the door for nearly 10 years until he moved out of the area. Notice of his death was headlined in newspapers in Champagne, Illinois where "Bubbles" was a legend in the football world as a teammate of Red Grange. He had no survivors in the Kern Valley, but many devoted friends.

Thursday  
Dec. 5, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Carl Weber**

Graveside services were held in Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 2 in memory of Carl A. Weber, 72, of Wofford Heights who died on November 27.

Weber was born in Junletta, Nebraska in 1902 and later moved to Chicago where he worked for Remington Cash Register Co. He came to Kern County 30 years ago and began servicing coin-operated machines in Ridgecrest. In 1951 he established the Weber Amusement Company in the Kern River Valley. He served as president of the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce for two years and was one of the pioneers in establishing the Kern Valley Golf Course and the annual Whiskey Flat Days celebration, among his many other civic activities.

He is survived by the widow, Eileen; two stepsons, Harry Gloeckner of Santa Maria and Ray Gloeckner of Glendora; three daughters, Virginia Lilly of La Mirada, Barbara Short of Oceanside, Nancy Green of Laguna Beach; one stepdaughter, Barbara Underwood of Glendora; two brothers, John of Chicago and George of Nebraska; 26 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Arrangements by Hopson Mortuary.

**Lela Arrington**

Services will be held on Thursday, December 5 at 11 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Lela Arrington, 64, who passed away December 2 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Interment will be at Kern Valley Cemetery. Mrs. Arrington was born on March 6, 1910 in Oklahoma.

She is survived by her husband, Burl; two sons, James Pigg of Boise, Idaho, and Frank Pigg of Downey; one daughter, Ruth, of Long Beach; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Thursday  
Dec. 5, 1974

## OBITUARY

**Robert C. Mulnix**

Private services were held in the Hillcrest Mortuary Chapel in Bakersfield on Saturday, November 30 for Robert C. Mulnix, 85, well known valley artist, who died on November 29 in a Bakersfield convalescent hospital. Interment followed in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Mulnix was born July 1, 1889 in Colorado. He served in the U.S. Navy at 17 and in the U.S. Army in World War I. He was responsible for creating some of the first Army field communication services.

Mulnix retired from his Los Angeles business when he was 65 and began a new career in painting when he came to the Kern River Valley in 1954. He was instrumental in organizing the Kern River Valley Art Association and was named to a fellowship in F.I.C.A. in 1970. He lived in Wofford Heights until August of this year.

He is survived by a daughter, Charlotte Gibson of Long Beach. His fitting epitaph was, "Art is not the artist's own, it is an expression of God's great creations."

Thursday  
Dec. 5, 1974

## OBITUARY

***Irene Cain***

Services were held Monday, December 2, 1974 at 1 p.m. at the Highland Chapel Methodist Church for Irene M. Cain, who passed away November 28 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Mark Stahnke officiated at the services.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond.

Mrs. Cain was born on July 24, 1903 in Woodville, Ohio. She resided in the Kern Valley for 7 years, and in California for 32 years. A retired teacher, Mrs. Cain was a member of the California Teachers' Association and the Highland Chapel Methodist Church. Interment was at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Tuesday  
Dec. 24, 1974

## DEATH NOTICE

Erwin Mayor, 64, of 2312 Commercial Street, Lake Isabella, died on Friday, December 20. Arrangements will be made by Greenlawn Mortuary.

## KERN VALLEY SUN

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Jan. 4, 1974

## OBITUARY

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES OF THE KERN VALLEY SUN HAD NO OBITUARIES LISTED

*Roxie Biswell*

Services were held in the Valley Mortuary Chapel on Tuesday, January 2 at 11 a.m. in memory of Roxie Biswell, 78, who died in Riverside, California on January 4. Rev. Bill Doughter officiated at the service. Interment followed in the Kern Valley Valley Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Biswell was born on May 7, 1895 in Missouri. She worked in the Kern Valley for 25 years. At the time of her death she resided at the Park Way in Walnut Heights. She was a member of the Garden Lodge, the Home For Women's Club, and the Garden Club. She had celebrated her 78th birthday anniversary last March 2.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph, and daughter, Rose. She was also survived by her son, William, and daughter, Margaret. She was also survived by her son, William, and daughter, Margaret.

*Florence Waddell*

Funeral services for Florence Waddell, 78, who passed away on December 28, were held on Wednesday, January 2 at 11 a.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel. Rev. Bill Doughter officiated at the service. Interment followed in the Kern Valley Union Cemetery.

Thursday  
Jan. 5, 1974

## OBITUARY

*V. Hudson*

Jan. 24, 1974

Feb. 13, 1974

Apr. 4, 1974

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June 6, 1974

June 20, 1974

July 18, 1974

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Dec. 12, 1974

Dec. 19, 1974

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Thursday  
Jan. 6, 1974

## OBITUARY

*Catherine M. Baker*

Funeral services were held on Friday, January 5 at 1 p.m. in the Kern Valley Mortuary Chapel in memory of Catherine M. Baker, 78, who died in Los Angeles on January 4. Rev. Bill Doughter officiated at the service. Interment followed in the Kern Valley Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Baker was born in Texas, married on June 22, 1912. She was a member of the Valley Union Church. She had been a member of the Kern Valley Union Church for the past 25 years.

She is survived by her son, Robert, and daughter, Margaret. She was also survived by her son, William, and daughter, Margaret. She was also survived by her son, William, and daughter, Margaret.

*William E. Milligan*

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 3 at 11 a.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel in memory of William E. Milligan, 78, who passed away on January 2 at 11 a.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel. Rev. Bill Doughter officiated at the service. Interment followed in the Kern Valley Union Cemetery.



## KERN VALLEY SUN

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## OBITUARY

**Roxie Biswell**

Services were held in the Valley Mortuary Chapel on Tuesday, January 7 at 11 a.m. in memory of Roxie Biswell, 79, who died in Roseville, California on January 3. Rev. Mike Goodyear officiated at the service. Interment followed in the Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Mrs. Biswell was born on May 7, 1897 in Missouri. She had lived in the Kern Valley for 30 years. At the time of her death she resided at 124 Park Way in Wofford Heights. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge, the South Fork Woman's Club, and the Canasta Club. She had celebrated her 60th wedding anniversary last March 28.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph; two daughters, Reva Stiglemeir of Inglewood and Myrna Powell of Sacramento; one brother, Willard Morgan of Kernville; one sister, Exie Zurnwalt of Missouri.

**Florence Waddell**

Rosary was recited Thursday, January 2 in the Valley Mortuary Chapel in memory of Mrs. Florence B. Waddell, 76, who passed away on December 30 in Sumner, Washington. Mass was held on Friday, January 3 at 10 a.m. at the St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights with Father Mark Renner officiating at the service. Interment followed in the Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Mrs. Waddell was born on March 29, 1898 in Norwich, Vermont. Prior to retirement she lived in Covina for more than 40 years. She was employed in the citrus industry as a bookkeeper and at the time of her retirement she was a bookkeeper for the True Scale Model Company. Mrs. Waddell lived in the Kern River Valley at the Whiskey Flat Trailer Park in Wofford Heights from 1969 to 1973. She moved to Washington in the latter part of 1973 to be near her daughter.

She is survived by one son, Dick Sherman of Wofford Heights; one daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Brandt of Sumner, Washington; five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

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## OBITUARY

**V. Hildreth Houck**

Services were held at the Kernville United Methodist Church on Monday, December 30 at 2 p.m. in memory of V. Hildreth (Jack) Houck of Wofford Heights who died at the Kern Valley Hospital on December 28. Rev. Donald Houghland, son-in-law of the deceased, officiated at the service. Interment followed in the Kern River Valley District Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Houck was born in Fresno on July 16, 1907. At the time of his death he had been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 16 years. He and his wife were the owners of the Taco Kart in Kernville, Jack was a member of the KRV Masonic Lodge No. 827 and the B.P.O.E. No. 2358.

He is survived by the widow, Jeanette; one daughter, Donna Houghland of Garnnerville, Nevada; one sister, Mildred Mayberry of Silverada, California; nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Henry R. Heizer**

Graveside rites were performed at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery on Friday, January 3 at 1 p.m. for Henry Reece Heizer, 69, who died on Monday, December 30 as the result of an automobile accident. Rev. Mike Goodyear, pastor of the Kernville United Methodist Church officiated.

Heizer was born in Deercreek, Oklahoma on August 22, 1905. He was a retired custodian from the Los Angeles School District and co-owner of the Lucky Spot Grill in Hollywood. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 2½ years at the time of his death.

He is survived by two sons, Robert and William, both of Newbury Park; two brothers, Cory Heizer of Kansas and Herbert Heizer of Oklahoma; two sisters, Pearl Haskins and Anna LeCout of Oklahoma and five grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

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Jan 9, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Catherine M. Heizer**

Graveside services were held on Friday, January 3 at 1 p.m. at the Kern Valley District Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Catherine Maria Heizer, 64, of Sawmill Road in Lake Isabella. Mrs. Heizer died on Monday, December 30 as the result of an automobile accident. Rev. Mike Goodyear, pastor of the Kernville United Methodist Church, officiated at the services.

Mrs. Heizer was born in Detroit, Michigan on June 20, 1910. She was co-owner of the Lucky Spot Grill in Hollywood until her retirement. She had been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 2½ years.

She is survived by two sons, Robert and William, both of Newbury Park; two brothers, Maurice Blain of Lake Isabella and William Blain of Louisiana; two sisters, Zena Mae McKindsey and Dorothy Scott, both of Oregon; and five grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**William H. Milligan**

Services were held on Wednesday, January 8 at 10 a.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel for William Henry Milligan, 64, who passed away on Sunday, January 5 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Mark Stahnke, pastor of the Weldon Methodist Church and the Highland Chapel, officiated at the services. Interment followed at the old Kernville Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

William was born on July 2, 1890 in Toronto, Ont., Canada. He was a retired bookkeeper employed by the Tay Holbert Co. He had lived in the Kern Valley for 19 years. In 1921, William met and married Nellie Pettypool, a native daughter. She passed away three years ago and is interred at the Old Kernville Cemetery.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Harriet Chamberlin of Stockton; one brother, George Milliagn of Ontario, Canada; two sisters, Ruth Carr of Canada, and Isabel Walker of Michigan; 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

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Jan. 16, 1975

OBITUARY

### *Silas Usselman*

Memorial services were held on Monday, January 13 at 2 p.m. in the Highland Chapel sanctuary for Silas Lee Usselman, 72, of 6515 Park Avenue, Mt. Mesa. Mr. Usselman passed away on January 9 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Mark Stahnke, pastor of the Weldon Methodist Church and the Highland Chapel, officiated at the chapel service.

The Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge No. 827 assisted with the services and provided a most impressive 44 man honor guard in Mr. Usselman's memory. Interment followed in the Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Mr. Usselman was born on February 23, 1902 in Rockville, Indiana. He has lived in California for 44 years, and was the owner of the ABC Battery Company in Lynwood for 41 years prior to his retirement. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 8 years and very active in the community.

Usselman was on the board of directors of the Rainbow Girls, a 50 year member of the Masons, a member of the South Lake Property Owners Association, and a member of the Highland Chapel Methodist Church.

He is survived by the widow, Josephine; two sons, Donald McClain of Granada Hills, William R. McClain of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Mary Jean Widero of Thousand Oaks, Doris Ann Ruud of Upland; Norma Lee Caldwell of Lynwood; one brother, Enos Usselman of Corona Del Mar; two sisters, Alice Hill of Kernville and Cora Cahill of Long Beach; 20 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The pallbearers were: Roger Ruud, Ricky Clark, Jimmy Clark, Bob Clark, all grandsons of the deceased, and Roy Widero, Boyd Shields, Tommy Thompson and Jim Bartlebaugh. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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Jan. 16, 1975

OBITUARY

### *Jack Darwin*

Services will be held at 1 p.m. in the Rainbow Chapel of Rose Hills Mortuary, Whittier on Saturday, January 18 for Jack Darwin, 78, who died on January 11 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Interment will follow at the Rose Hills District Cemetery.

Darwin had been a resident of the Kern Valley for one year. He was born on February 28, 1906 in San Francisco and was a retired automobile salesman from La Puente.

He is survived by the widow, Lois; one son, Lee of La Puente; and three grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

### *Matilda Szymanski*

Rosary was said at 7 p.m. on January 12 in the Valley Mortuary Chapel in memory of Matilda Szymanski, 78, of Rockhaven Trailer Park in Wofford Heights. Graveside services were held at 10:30 a.m. on January 13 in the Kern Valley District Cemetery with Father Timmons, Bakersfield officiating.

Mrs. Szymanski died on January 9 at the Kern Valley Hospital. She had been a resident of the Kern Valley for the last 10 years. Mrs. Szymanski was born on March 14, 1896 in Naticoke, Pennsylvania. She lived in Los Angeles for 30 years prior to moving to the Valley. She was a member of the 55 Plus Club and the Kernville Rebekah Lodge.

She is survived by two sons; Stanley of Wofford Heights, Joseph of Kenilworth, New Jersey; two sisters, Bertha Smith of Benton, Pennsylvania and Helen Beck of Kingston, Pennsylvania; and five grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Jan. 16, 1975

OBITUARY

### *William Richardson*

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, January 15 at the Kern Valley District Cemetery for William McKinley Richardson, 78, who died January 13 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Arthur Lewis, pastor of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, officiated at the service.

Richardson was born on December 9, 1896 in Austin, Texas and until his retirement he owned and operated a liquor store and market in Southern California. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 13 years, and an active member of the World War I Veterans, Barracks No. 1841.

He is survived by the widow, Emma and many neices and nephews. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Thursday  
Jan. 23, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Oscar J. Gilliland**

Memorial rites were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21 at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints in Mt. Mesa for Oscar James Gilliland, 61, of Bodfish who died at the Kern Valley Hospital on January 17. Officiating at the service were: President Emil Brown, President Rulon Scott, Bishop Robert Sangster, President Robert Whitlock, President Lynn Taylor. Dedication of the grave at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery was given by Scott Sangster.

Mr. Gilliland was born on March 31, 1911 in Arizona and was a retired engineer employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad for 34 years. He had lived in the valley for the past 4 years where he enjoyed an active association with the Equestrian Trails Corral No. 71. He was serving as secretary-treasurer of the ETI at the time of his death.

He is survived by the widow, Eula; two sons, Robert of El Monte and Steve of Belmont, Massachusetts; one daughter, Norma Sangster, of Montana; one sister, Verda Taylor of Phoenix, Arizona; and thirteen grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Jan. 23, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Dorothy E. Pryne**

Services were held on Monday, January 20 at 11 a.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel in memory of Dorothy Esther Pryne, 58, who died at the Kern Valley Hospital on January 16. Rev. Hugh Power officiated at the service and interment followed in the Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Mrs. Pryne was born on March 31, 1916 in Crescent Springs, Kentucky. She was a retired foreman from the General Dynamics Corp. in Pomona, and she had resided in Weldon for 2 years.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence; one son, James of Pomona; two daughters, Bonnie Schaack of Baldwin Park and Joan McCullough of La Puente; three brothers, Ernest Marksberry of Whittier, Clarence Marksberry of Arcadia, and Elmer Marksberry of Baldwin Park; one sister, Elva Riley of Weldon and seven grandchildren.

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Jan 30, 1975

## OBITUARY

**James R. Wermuth**

Services were held on Saturday, January 25 at 2 p.m. in the Clauson Funeral Home in Ojai for James R. Wermuth, former resident of the Kern River Valley. The Rev. Harry Hobby of Goleta officiated at the chapel service. A military graveside service was held at the Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery, Bakersfield at 1 p.m. on Monday, January 27. Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 7665 presided at the graveside rite.

Mr. Wermuth moved to the Ojai area about 3 years ago. He was a silversmith and bit-maker, famous with horsemen throughout the world. He was an Army veteran and a charter member of the Kern River Valley VFW Post No. 7665.

He is survived by the widow, Bernice (Robinson) Wermuth; two sons - Ronald and Donald of Bakersfield; two daughters, Patti Wermuth of Lone Pine and Janette Hall of Ojai; two brothers, Chester of Fremont and Orville of Rancho Cordova; two sisters, Hazel Christensen of San Andrea and Georgia Brewer of Sacramento; and three granddaughters.

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Jan 30, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Luther Godby**

Services were held at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Wednesday, at 1:30 p.m. for Luther E. Godby, 81, who died January 26. Mr. William Turner of the World War I Veterans Barracks No. 1841 of Lake Isabella officiated.

Mr. Godby was born in Texas and had resided in Kern County for the past 47 years. He was a member of the 500 Card Club of Kern River, Kern Valley Gen and Mineral Society, Kern River Veterans Club, World War I Barracks No. 1841 of Lake Isabella and the Kern County Mineral Society.

Survivors include the widow, Kathleen of Bodfish; one son, Harold W. of Bakersfield. Arrangements by Hillcrest Mortuary.

Thursday  
Jan 30, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Leo Temple**

Services were held in the Valley Mortuary Chapel at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 24 in memory of Leo C. Temple, 57, who died at the Kern Valley Hospital on January 21. Brothers of the Kern Valley B.P.O.E. No. 2358 officiated at the services. Interment followed in the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Mr. Temple was born on January 21, 1918 in Kingwood, West Virginia. He had lived in California for 30 years and was employed for 32 years as a foreman in Missile Ordinance for the Department of the Army. He had been a resident of Wofford Heights for the past eight years, a member of the Elks Lodge, the Kern River Valley Golf Association and was the past Champion Golfer of the Kern Valley Golf Club.

He is survived by the widow, Mary; one daughter and one son-in-law, Buck and Patricia K. Schatt of North Hollywood; two brothers, Lantz Temple and French Temple both of West Virginia; two sisters, Maxine Borgman and Patty Drury also of West Virginia; and two grandsons, Mark C. and Steve Schatt of North Hollywood. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Feb. 13, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Orin C. Marksberry**

Services were held on Monday, February 10 at 11 a.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Orin C. Marksberry, 82, who died at the Kern Valley Hospital on February 7. Rev. Hugh Power officiated at the services and interment followed at Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Mr. Marksberry was born on April 16, 1892 in Kentucky. He had lived in California for 20 years and was a retired tool and die maker. He came to Weldon 18 months ago.

He is survived by one daughter, Elva Riley of Weldon; three sons, Ernest of Whittier, Clarence of Arcadia, Elmer of Baldwin Park; one sister, Bessie Long of Cincinnati, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren.

**Chester A. Hall**

Memorial services were held on Friday, February 7 at 2 p.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Chester Arthur Hall, 77, who died at home on Wednesday, February 5. Rev. Myron Goodyear officiated at the service and interment followed in the Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Mr. Hall was born in Springfield, Ohio on May 16, 1897. He had lived in California for 37 years and in the Kern River Valley for the last 9 years. He was a retired cabinet maker and had been self employed as a cabinet maker during his residence in Mt. Mesa. He was a member of the 55 Plus Club and the Southlake Property Owners' Association.

He is survived by the widow, Zeta of Mt. Mesa.

Thursday  
Feb. 20, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Howard Hutchison**

Memorial services were held Tuesday, February 18 at 1 p.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Howard E. Hutchison, 78, of Kernville who died on February 15 at the Ridgecrest Community Hospital. Members of the B.P.O.E. No. 2358 conducted the chapel service and World War I Veterans, Barracks No. 1841 officiated at the graveside service. Interment was at Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Hutchison was born on April 29, 1896 in Quenemo, Kansas. He had lived in California for 68 years and was a retired rubber worker employed by the Goodyear Rubber Co. for 31 years. He had resided in Kernville for the past 14 years. He was a member of the B.P.O.E. No. 2358, World War I Veterans, Barracks No. 1841, and the Masonic Lodge, No. 660 of Baldwin Park.

He is survived by the widow, Anna; one daughter, Mary Louise Martin of Kent, Washington; five grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

**Ruth A. Schrack**

Graveside services were observed at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery in Wofford Heights at 1 p.m. on February 14 for Ruth Alice Schrack, 62, who died February 12 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Hugh Power officiated at the interment.

Mrs. Schrack was born on March 26, 1912 in Missouri. She had lived in California for 28 years and was a resident of Bodfish for the past 3½ years.

She is survived by her husband, Cleo; one son, Dan; one daughter, Barbara Jack; one sister, Linda Stine and four grandchildren, all of Whittier.



Thursday  
Feb. 27, 1975

OBITUARY

**Bertha Bliss**

Services were held on Monday, February 24 at 3 p.m. in Camarillo for Mrs. Bertha Lee Bliss, 63, who died on February 19 in an Oxnard hospital after an extended illness. Interment was at the Greenlawn Cemetery in Bakersfield.

Mrs. Bliss was born on June 26, 1912 and was a long time resident of the Bloomfield Ranch in Onyx where her husband was foreman for the Adohr Milk Farms for 15 years. She will be remembered in the South Fork School for her continuing work on behalf of the Parent Teachers Association.

Mrs. Bliss is survived by the widower, Farris Bliss of Camarillo; two daughters, Millie Raymond and Mary Shultz, both of Bakersfield; one son, Farris Jr. of Boston; and seven grandchildren.

**James Shipley**

James Shipley of Lake Isabella, 39, died on February 20 in the Kern Valley Hospital. Services will be conducted in Midwest City, Oklahoma.

Thursday  
Feb. 27, 1975

OBITUARY

**Eugene Wheat**

Services were held on Friday, February 21 at 2 p.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Eugene V. Wheat, 85, who died at home in Kernville on February 19. Officiating at the services, both at the chapel and graveside, were members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Interment was in the Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Wheat had lived on Panorama Drive in Kernville for the last 35 years. He was a retired cook from Camp Owen and was currently employed at Josef's Steak House. He was born in Oklahoma on January 30, 1910.

He is survived by the widow, Lorraine (Larrie Graug); one son, Frank Graug; one daughter, Sharon Sperling of Los Angeles; two brothers, Roy of Arizona, and Will; one sister, Magness Hull; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors and the Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 7865.

Thursday  
Feb. 27, 1975

OBITUARY

**Percy Clements**

Graveside services were held on February 25 at 1 p.m. at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery for Percy J. Clements, 81, who died on February 19 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Arthur Lewis officiated at the service.

Clements was born on March 22, 1893 in Ontario, Canada. At the time of his death he had been a resident of Bodfish for 15 years.

He is survived by one brother, H.L. Clement of Flint, Michigan and one sister, Mrs. E. Christie of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

**Thomas Feaster**

Services were held on February 22 at 2 p.m. in Valley Mortuary Chapel for Thomas Ervin Feaster, 61, who died on February 20 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Arthur Lewis officiated at the service and interment followed in the Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Mr. Feaster was born on December 7, 1913 in Plainville, Indiana. He had lived in California for 23 years and was a retired expediter with Rockwell International Corp. He had been a resident of Wofford Heights for the past 4 years.

He is survived by his widow, Bulah; three sons, Thomas of Norco, Terry of Germany, and Timothy of Norwalk; two brothers, Ned of Lakewood and George of Winslow, Indiana; one sister, Christine Lawyer of Ottawa, Illinois; and four grandchildren.

Thursday  
Mar. 13, 1975

OBITUARY

### Thomas A. Glass

Private services were held for Thomas Aloysius Glass Sr., 61, who died March 5. Mr. Glass was born in New York and had resided in Kern County 10 years.

Survivors include 3 sons, Thomas Jr. of Irvine, Timothy of Van Nuys, and Terrance of Bakersfield; 3 daughters, Veronia Rodriquez of Thousand Oaks, Judith Veale of Valencia and Carol Glass of Bakersfield; brother, William Glass of Westlake, and 2 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or a favorite charity. Hillcrest Mortuary.

Thursday  
Mar. 27, 1975

OBITUARY

### Marvin Cross

Graveside services for Marvin Alden Cross, 72, member of a pioneer family and a retired agricultural teacher at Kern County Union High School and Bakersfield College, was held Friday at 2:30 p.m. in Union Cemetery.

Mr. Cross, whose parents, John and Cleo Cross, were pioneers in the Glennville-Kernville areas, died Monday in Bakersfield. His home was 519 Monterey Street.

A native of Kern County, Mr. Cross attended Bakersfield grammar schools, Kern County Union High School (now Bakersfield High) and Fresno State.

His major interest was agriculture and he was engaged in farming for most of his adult life, except for service in the Navy during World War II.

After the war, he became an agricultural teacher at Kern County Union High School and Bakersfield College.

Mr. Cross's maternal grandfather, John Tilley, settled in the Kern River Valley in 1862 and his father, John Cross, moved to Kernville in 1866.

Survivors include three sons, Dave of Bakersfield, Dan of Florida and Louis of Michigan; three daughters, Ann Ryman and Iva Fendrick, both of Bakersfield, and Dorothy Valentine of Washington; two brothers, Raymond and John, both of Bakersfield; sister, Helen Rankin of Walker's Basin; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Bill Rankin, Don Brown, William Cross, Randy Fendrick, Dennis Ryman and Paul Turner. Howard K. Dickson was honorary pallbearer.

Doughty-Calhoun-O'Meara was in charge of arrangements.

Thursday  
Mar. 27, 1975

OBITUARY

### *Cecile Wyly*

Services were held in Hillcrest Mortuary Tuesday at 3 p.m. for Cecile M. Wyly, 77, who died March 22. The Rev. Glenn Puder of First Presbyterian Church officiated. Mrs. Wyly was born in Cartersville, Mont., and had resided in Kern County 14 years. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star of Whittier. Mrs. Wyly is survived by the widower, Jesse; son, Jean of Lake Isabella; daughter, Helen Macy of San Bernardino; 2 sisters, Pansy Barrows of Yucca Valley and Russell Moss of El Monte; 11 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Jay Macy, Jim, Allen, Chris, Steve and John Wyly. Interment was in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

### *Billy D. Connelly*

Services were held on Friday, March 21 at 1 p.m. in Valley Mortuary Chapel for Billy D. Connelly, 45, of Lake Isabella who died on Wednesday, March 19 as the result of an automobile accident. Rev. Mark Stahnke, pastor of the Weldon Methodist Church and the Highland Chapel, officiated at the service. Interment followed at Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Connelly was born in Edmond, Oklahoma on June 22, 1929. He had lived in California for 11 years and in the valley for the past three years. He was the owner of R.C. Electric in Lake Isabella.

He is survived by the widow, Donna; one son, Russell, one daughter, Cheryl, both of Lake Isabella; two daughters, Toni and Debra of Los Angeles; one brother, O.K. Connelly of Oklahoma City; one sister, Bonnie Travers of Kermit, Texas. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Mar. 27, 1975

OBITUARY

### *Gordon L. Middleton*

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26 at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery for Gordon Lee Middleton, 58, who died on March 23 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7665, the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 54, and the World War I Veterans Barracks No. 1841 officiated at the services.

Middleton was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 26, 1915. He had lived in California for 23 years and in Bodfish for the past 8 years. He was a retired civil engineer, last employed by Boyle Engineering in Fresno. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 509 of Fresno.

He is survived by the widow, Elsie; four daughters, Susan Brown of Arizona, Carol Browning of Illinois, Joyce Turner of Fresno, Constant Deacon of San Jose; four grandchildren and one great grandchild. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## **Death Notice**

### *Cyril Behm*

Cyril Behm, 60, Lake Isabella, died March 22. Services pending, Doughty Calhoun, O'Meara.

### *Lois Ower*

Lois Ower, 56, Wofford Heights, died in Los Angeles. Services pending.

Thursday  
Apr. 3, 1975

OBITUARY

***Earl F. Mowry Jr.***

Cremation services were held for Earl Frank Mowry Jr., 41, on April 2 in Bakersfield. He was born in Los Angeles on October 25, 1933 and died in Bakersfield on March 31.

He had resided in Lake Isabella for 8 years at the time of his death. Mowry is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mowry Sr. of Lake Isabella. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

***Rita Charlton***

Graveside services will be held at the Rankin Ranch Cemetery in Walker Basin in memory of Rita Laverne Charlton, 60, who died at the Kern Valley Hospital on March 31. Rev. Mark Stahnke, pastor of the Weldon Methodist Church will officiate at the service.

Mrs. Charlton was born in Oregon on October 14, 1914. She had lived in Caliente for 30 years and was a retired R.N. She worked with Dr. Levin, dermatologist, in Bakersfield for many years prior to retirement.

She is survived by the widower, Andy of Caliente; her mother, Eda Hannan of Oregon; one son, Andy of Overland, Kansas; one daughter, Ann Lange of Lake Isabella; three brothers—Toby Hannan of Oregon, Mitch Hannan of Oregon and Dick Hannan of Washington; one sister - Neah Lane of Oregon and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Burel Mulkey, Richard Staats, John Beard, Rob Beard, Detlev Lange and Andy Charlton. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Apr. 3, 1975

OBITUARY

***Adeline Fugitt***

Memorial services will be held today, Thursday, April 3 at 1 p.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Adeline E. Fugitt, 88, who died at the Kern Valley Hospital on March 31. Rev. Myron Goodyear, pastor of the Kernville United Methodist Church, officiated at the services. Interment will follow at Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Mrs. Fugitt was born on October 15, 1886 in Weldon and resided on Burlando Road in Kernville at the time of her death. She was a native of the valley and a member of one of the pioneer families.

She is survived by two daughters - Elizabeth Crowder of Kernville, and Adeline Malone of Bishop and Kernville; grandchildren - Trudy Hylton of Kernville, Don Stancliff of Michigan, Lois Hoad of New Jersey, Bob Stubblefield of Rialto, Jane Firth of Huntington Beach, Bob Crowder of Bakersfield, Don Crowder of Bakersfield, Ron Crowder of Bakersfield and Ronnie Smith of Missouri; 18 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild and many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Apr. 10, 1975

OBITUARY

**Mary Lou Perry**

Services will be held on April 9 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Lake Isabella for Mary Lou Perry, 25; Weldon Lee Perry, 18 months; and Joshua Saul Perry, 2½ years. The three died as the result of an auto accident on April 4.

Mrs. Perry was born on June 8, 1949 in Montana and she had been a resident of the Lake Isabella area for three years. At the time of her death she was employed by the Kern Valley Hospital as a Nurses' Aide.

They are survived by the widower and father, Robert Perry Jr.; and a sister, Pamela. Mrs. Perry is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Simpson of Vacaville; two brothers - Maurice A. Webb of Pendleton, Washington and Dan Pelt of New Mexico; one sister, Elaine Gruber of Colville, Washington; and an aunt, Mrs. F.W. Cotton of Spokane, Washington. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Joshua Perry**

Joshua Saul Perry, 2½ years, died on April 4. He was born on December 4, 1972. Services will be April 9.

**Weldon Perry**

Weldon Lee Perry, 18 months, died on April 4. He was born on September 8, 1973. Services will be April 9.

Thursday  
Apr. 10, 1975

OBITUARY

**Frances K. Fuller**

Private services will be held in memory of Frances Kathryn Fuller, 68, who died on April 4 at the Kern Valley Hospital.

Mrs. Fuller was born on September 25, 1906 in Santa Paula, California and she had been a resident of the Pinewood Trailer Park in Wofford Heights for 8 years.

She is survived by the widower, Frank; one daughter, Bonnie Haughton of Colton and three grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

**Cleadus Courtright**

Services will be held on Wednesday, April 9 at Graceland Memorial Park in Sioux City, Iowa for Cleadus J. Courtright, 71, who died at the Kern Valley Hospital on April 6.

She was born on January 21, 1904 in Sloan, Iowa and had been a resident of Rock Haven Trailer Park for the past 10 years. She is survived by the widower, Richard B. Courtright. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.



Thursday  
Apr. 17, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Jeannette Cummings**

Graveside services were held on Saturday, April 12 at 2 p.m. at the Kern Valley District Cemetery for Jeannette B. Cummings, 69, who died at the Kern Valley Hospital on April 9. Rev. Woody Peabody, pastor of the Episcopal Church, officiated at the service.

Mrs. Cummings was born on July 11, 1905 in Dallas, Texas and she had resided in Weldon for 3 years at the time of her death.

She is survived by the widower, Joe; one daughter, Jacqueline Fuquay of Weldon; two brothers - Tom and Joe Barnes of Oklahoma; one sister, Ruth Robinson of Oklahoma; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Apr. 17, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Cleo Shisler**

Inurnment services will be observed on April 18 at the Kern Valley District Cemetery for Cleo May Shisler, 82, who passed away on April 9 at the Colonial Rest Home in Bakersfield.

She was born in Nebraska on June 18, 1892 and she was a retired watchperson for the Northern Pacific Railway. She had lived on Sierra Way in Kernville for the past 5 years.

Mrs. Shisler is survived by one daughter, Patricia Anderson of Kernville and two grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Frank Marshall**

Private memorial services will be held today, Thursday, April 17 at 3 p.m. in Greenlawn Memorial Chapel for Frank Cuthrie Marshall, 68, of Wofford Heights who died at his home on April 14. Dr. John A. Lavendar, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bakersfield, will officiate at the service.

Marshall was born on February 25, 1907 in Ohio. He had lived in California for 62 years and was self-employed dealer in office machines for 45 years. At the time of his death he had been a resident of Wofford Heights for 3 years.

He is survived by two sisters - Margaret McRae of Durham and Louise McAuliffe of Bakersfield; four brothers - Howard of Virginia, Milford of Berkley, Grand and Donald, both of Bakersfield. Arrangements by Greenlawn Mortuary.

Thursday  
Apr. 24, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Everett L. Sears, Sr.**

Private services will be held in memory of Everett L. Sears Sr., 90, who passed away on April 22 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Interment will be in the Alta Mesa Memorial Park, Palo Alto.

Mr. Sears was born in Randolph County, Missouri on October 13, 1884.

He was a retired automobile dealer, Sears and Sears Ford Co.; and a 60 year member of the F&AM and the B.P.O.E. of Pueblo and Walsenberg, Colorado. He was a resident of the Lakeview Guest Home in Wofford Heights at the time of his death.

Mr. Sears is survived by one son, Everett Jr., of Kernville; two sisters, Mae Finnell of Armstrong, Missouri and Mrs. W.C. Phelps of Olney, Illinois; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Frank Requa**

Private services were held in Hillcrest Mortuary Wednesday for Frank W. Requa, 84, of Kernville, who died April 21. Mr. Requa was a trailer park owner 18 years before his retirement. Survivors include the widow, Julia; son, Wayne of Arcadia; grandson; 3 sisters, Henretta Hamnel of Bakersfield, Anita Johnson of Los Angeles and Caroline Leonard of Arizona; 4 brothers, Harold of San Diego, De Wolf of Los Angeles, Harding of Los Angeles, and Earl of Paso Robles. Interment was in San Diego.

Thursday  
May 1, 1975

OBITUARY

**Ted A. Miller**

Services were held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29 for Ted A. Miller, 68, who passed away on April 25 at Kern Valley Hospital. Miller was born in Newton, Kansas on June 23, 1906. The Rev. Myron Goodyear and the Kern Valley Masonic Lodge officiated at the services. Interment was at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Miller had resided for one year on Panorama Drive in Wofford Heights at the time of his death. He was a resident of California for 35 years.

He was a 50-year Master Mason, and also belonged to the Shriners, Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358, Eastern Star, and the Wofford Heights Improvement Group. Miller was a retired self-employed baker from the Whittier area.

Miller is survived by the widow, Ellen; two sons, Ted Jr., San Bernardino, and Ronald Perigan, Fullerton; five daughters, Barbara Morrison, Brea, Betty Jean Burch, Phoenix, Billie Clausen, Wheeler, Oregon, Bettie Perigan, Chino, and Bobbie Horwell, Anaheim; one brother, Gerald Fancher, Norwalk; two sisters, Ada Thompson, Roland Heights, and Gladys Carnahan of Kansas; 14 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
May 1, 1975

OBITUARY

**Charles E. Eagan**

Memorial services will be held at the Valley Mortuary Chapel on Tuesday, May 6 at 11 a.m. for Charles Edwin Eagan, 58, who died at the Kern Valley Hospital on April 28. Rev. Hugh Power will officiate. Private interment will follow.

Eagan was born on December 9, 1916 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He had lived in California for 20 years and in Kernville for the past 10 years. He was formerly employed as a chef at Ewings-on-the-Kern.

He is survived by the widow, Ellison of Kernville; his father, Andy Eagan of Muskogee, Oklahoma; one son, Lawrence E. of Kernville; and one sister, Virginia Oglesby of Denver, Colorado. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
May 15, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Albert J. Malouf**

Services were held in Greenlawn Chapel Saturday, at 10:30 a.m. for Albert J. Malouf, 60, 3309 Fillmore Avenue, Bakersfield, who died May 7. Earl E. Beck, chaplain of the East Bakersfield Rotary Club officiated and interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Malouf was a native of Utah and resided in Kern County 55 years. He was the owner of Edison Sand Co. Malouf was a member of the Libertas Lodge 466, F&AM, Bakersfield Order of DeMolay, past master, valley master counselor, past commander of legion of honor and was on the advisory council for many years.

He was justice of the peace in McKittrick in 1942, Army veteran of World War II, charter member of American Legion Post 682 and a member of the 40 & 8, Scottish Rite Bodies, Kern County Shrine Club, Al Malaikah temple and honorary charter member of the East Bakersfield Rotary Club.

Survivors include his sons, Gerald of Bakersfield and James of Lake Isabella; daughter, Gail Fisher of Bakersfield; 2 brothers, Herb of Bakersfield and the Rev. Ted of Tennessee; sister, Linda Bagley of Santa Rosa, and 3 grandchildren. Pallbearers were Luther Crouse, Charlie Moore, William Moore, Clarence Johnson, Joseph Flesher and George Reil Sr. Honorary pallbearers were Robert Prunty, Andrew Berry and Ed Schaeffer. Memorials may be made to the Shriners Crippled Children's hospital.

**Loyd Funk**

Services were held on March 31 at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella in memory of Loyd Funk, 69, who passed away on March 26 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Hugh Power officiated at the services and interment followed in the Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield.

Mr. Funk was born on September 2, 1905 in Louisiana. He was a retired assembly worker employed by the Collum Motors Co. He and his wife had lived in Lake Isabella at 2705 Steenson Street for the last 8 years.

He is survived by the widow, Lois; his mother, Mary Funk of Arkansas; two sons, James of Redondo Beach and Gordon of Oregon; 3 brothers and two sisters; and five grandchildren.

Thursday  
May 15, 1975

## OBITUARY

**George W. Horning**

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 17 at the Kernville United Methodist Church in Kernville, for George Willard Horning of Wofford Heights who passed away Sunday, May 11, at Kaiser Hospital in Panorama City, after an illness of several months. Services will be conducted by Rev. Myron B. Goodyear and the Kern River Lodge No. 827, F&AM.

Mr. Horning was born in Los Angeles on January 6, 1907. He served in the Navy Seabees for 3½ years in the South Pacific and Point Barrow, Alaska. He was a member of Kern River Masonic Lodge No. 827, F&AM, and the Kern River Valley Chapter No. 643, Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Horning leaves the widow, Anna Adele Horning; a sister, Mary McGuire of South Pasadena; and two brothers, Thomas Horning of Los Angeles and Robert Horning of South Africa.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to the J. Clifford Lee Cancer Fund through the OES, or other recognized Cancer funds.

**Elmer Davis**

Services were held on Wednesday, May 14 at 4 p.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Elmer Davis, 73, who died on May 11 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Hugh Power, First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella officiated at the chapel ceremony. Graveside rites at the Kern Valley District Cemetery followed with Rev. Myron Goodyear, pastor of the Kernville United Methodist Church officiating.

Mr. Davis was born in Ojai, California on October 20, 1901 and was a retired watchman for the Orange Growers Association in Ojai. He had been a resident in the Bella Vista tract for 3 years at the time of his death.

He is survived by one son, Frank and one daughter, Mary. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
May 15, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Dexter Wright**

Memorial services were held at 1 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel on Wednesday, May 14 for Dexter Wayne Wright, 67, who died May 11 at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield. Rev. Hugh Power, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lake Isabella, officiated at the service and interment followed at the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Mr. Wright was born on January 19, 1908 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He had lived in California for 50 years and was a retired cabinetmaker. At the time of his death he had resided in Lake Isabella for 5 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

He is survived by the widow, Adilene; two sons, Jack of Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Thomas Talley of Riverside; one daughter, Mary Carr of Santa Ana; three sisters, June Busch of San Jose, Bonnie Rawlings of Newport Beach and Faye Anderson of Santa Ana; four

He is survived by the widow, Adilene; two sons, Jack of Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Thomas Talley of Riverside; one daughter, Mary Carr of Santa Ana; three sisters, June Busch of San Jose, Bonnie Rawlings of Newport Beach and Faye Anderson of Santa Ana; and four grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Audrey Johnson**

Services were held on Monday, May 12 at 1 p.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Audrey Jene Johnson, 57, who died on May 8 at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield. Rev. Arthur Lewis, pastor of the Lutheran Church, officiated at the services and interment followed in the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson was born in El Segundo on May 4, 1918 and lived in Southern California until 8 months ago when she moved to Bodfish.

She is survived by her husband, Melvin; her mother, Henrietta Adcock; two sons, Donald of Cerritos and Stephen of Long Beach; two brothers, Marshall of Independence and Robert of Azusa; and one grandchild. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
May 22, 1975

OBITUARY

**Charles Lang**

The Altar Society officiated at a Rosary service in the Valley Mortuary Chapel at 8 p.m. on May 20 for Charles Austin Lang, 67, who died May 18 at Kern Valley Hospital. A Requiem mass was held at the St. Jude's Catholic Church on Wednesday, May 21 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Thomas Timmings officiating and interment followed at Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Mr. Lang was born on January 28, 1908 in Witchita, Kansas. He had lived in California for 55 years and was a retired machinist with the Wyman Co. in Van Nuys. He had resided in Kernville for the last 3 years. The only survivor is the widow, Marie. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Anna Fredericks**

Graveside services will be held today, Thursday, May 22 at 1 p.m. at the Kern Valley District Cemetery in memory of Anna Fredericks, 67, who died on May 17 at the Pioneer Guest Home in Bakersfield. Rev. Willard Vanfossen will officiate.

Mrs. Fredericks was born on July 4, 1907 in New York and had been a resident of the Kern Valley for 14 years. She is survived by one sister, Kay Webb. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Edna Hubert**

Graveside service was held at 9 a.m. Friday, May 16 in Union Cemetery for Edna Valentine Hubert, 67, Kernville, who died May 12. Mrs. Hubert was a native of Woodland, Utah, and lived in Bakersfield before moving to Kernville in 1970.

She was a waitress at the Dam Korner Cafe in Kernville, and was active in Kernville community affairs before her illness. There are no survivors. Arrangements by Mish Funeral Home, Oildale.

Thursday  
May 29, 1975

OBITUARY

CHARLES M. VOORHEES

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. today, Thursday, May 29 at the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Charles Mansfield Voorhees, 57, who passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital on May 26. Rev. Oren Ice will officiate at the chapel rites and interment will follow at Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Mr. Voorhees was born in Kansas on August 21, 1917. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 25 years and a beloved and active member of the community. He was past president of the Kernville Lions' Club.

He is survived by the widow, Maxine of Lake Isabella; his mother, Mrs. Lillian Voorhees of Bakersfield; two sons, Charles III of Bakersfield and Sam of San Luis Obispo; one daughter, Joan Franks of Grants Pass, Oregon; one brother, Sam of Bakersfield; two sisters, Ruth Piper of Bakersfield, and Carol Lou Tiffey of Bakersfield; and 5 grandchildren. Honorary pallbearers will be Edward Caine, Owen Wright, Henry Lucher, Glen Smith, Larry Looy, Don Lucas, John Springer, John Kirkwood, Royce Smith, William Sutton and Al Atchley.

Thursday  
May 29, 1975

## OBITUARY

**THEODORE G. BRITTON**

Services were held on Tuesday, May 27 at 1 p.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Theodore G. Britton, 79, who died in the Pioneer Convalescent Hospital in Bakersfield on May 22, Rev. Hugh Power officiated at the chapel ceremony. Graveside rites were conducted at Kern Valley District Cemetery by members of World War I, Barracks No. 1841.

Mr. Britton was born in Garden City, Kansas on March 8, 1896. He had lived in California for 41 years and was a resident of Lake Isabella since 1960. He was a retired machinist from North American Aircraft. He is survived by the widow, Nina; one son, Robert Ezell of Bonn, Germany; one daughter, Norma Mullally of Weaverville, California; two brothers, Edward of Cleveland, Ohio and Bertram Kimbleton of Illinois; two sisters, Myrtle Acree of Jacksonville, Illinois and Alice Huber of Mattoon, Illinois; and 5 grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
May 29, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Edward B. Oram**

Services will be held today, Thursday, May 29 at 10:30 a.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Edward Benton Oram, 63, who passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital on May 27. Rev. Mark Stahnke officiated at the service and interment followed at the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Mr. Oram was born in Oil City, Pennsylvania on February 18, 1912. He had lived in California for 29 years. He was a retired tool and die maker from Lockheed Aircraft and had been a resident of Lake Isabella for 8 years at the time of his death.

He is survived by the widow, Marjorie; and two brothers, Donald R. Oram and Raymond Oram, both of Florida.

Pallbearers will be Walter Black, Gene Patterson, Les Issacs, and Earl Neeley. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



Thursday  
June 5, 1975

OBITUARY

### *Miriam H. Auld*

Services were held in Kern River Valley Cemetery for Miriam H. Auld, 63, who died May 18 in Santa Monica Medical Center. A resident of Riverkern in the Kern Valley six years, she was secretary of the Riverkern Mutual Water Co. She is survived by a brother, Robert A. Hoffman, Westchester.

### *Larry E. Hughes*

Graveside services were held at Pilot Butte Cemetery for Larry E. Hughes, 35, who was killed in an automobile accident near Redmond, Oregon. He was the son of Florence and Leo C. Graves of Lake Isabella and had been a resident of the Kern Valley for 1½ years prior to moving to Bend, Oregon. While in the valley Hughes was employed by Bill Kissack of Mt. Mesa.

He was a grade trimmer for the Whittier Division of Brooks-Scanlon Inc., in Redmond for the past 7 years. He was born September 8, 1939 in Lansing Michigan. He is survived by the widow, Barbara; a daughter, Jamie and a son, Sean; two brothers, two sisters, two step-brothers, and a step-sister. Arrangements were handled by the Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home.

### *John O. Risdon, Jr.*

Graveside rites were held on Saturday, May 31 at 1 p.m. at the Kern Valley District Cemetery for John Oren Risdon Jr., 54, who died in a Bakersfield hospital on May 29. Members of the VFW Post No. 7665 and the American Legion Post, KRV Chapter officiated at the service.

Mr. Risdon was born on July 27, 1920 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was a retired electrician and a resident of Onyx for the past 2½ years. He was a member of the American Legion, newly formed chapter in the Kern Valley.

He is survived by the widow, Eleanor; two sons, John, who is with the Air Force in Turkey and David of Angola, Indiana; his father, John Sr., and one sister, Sue Reason, both of Indianapolis; and one grandson, Joel. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
June 12, 1975

OBITUARY

### *Esteine Mabry*

Services were held on Tuesday, June 10 at 1 p.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel in memory of Esteine B. Mabry, 64, who died in Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield on June 5. Rev. E.B. Wallace, pastor of the Mt. Mesa Church of Christ officiated at the services and interment followed in the Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Mabry was a retired school custodian for the Los Angeles Schools and had lived in Caliente for the past four years. He was born in Los Angeles on May 1, 1911.

He is survived by the widow, Jean; one son, Robert of Caliente; one daughter, Cristina Caron of Lancaster; one brother, Victor of Malibu and two grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### *Harry K. Griffin*

Memorial services were held Tuesday, June 10, at the Kingdom Hall in Lake Isabella for Harry K. Griffin, 63, who died on June 7 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Olivetti officiated at the ceremony. Interment was private.

Mr. Griffin was born on January 7, 1912 in New York. He was a retired electrician with the I.B.E.W. Local 11, and had lived on Grandview Avenue in Kernville for the past 2 years.

He is survived by the widow, Irene; two sons, Harry Jr. of Midway City, California and Carl Sill of Torrance; one daughter, Shirley Powers of Kernville; one sister, Clair Patterson of New York and eight grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## **Death Notice**

### *Cheryl Mora*

Cheryl Mora, 30, died on June 10 in a Los Gatos hospital as the result of an automobile accident. She was a resident of Kernville for 5 years. Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Vehrencamp of Wrightwood; two children, Steven and Melanie; and two sisters, Ann Perkins of Kernville and Jeanine Green. Services are pending.

Thursday  
June 19, 1975

OBITUARY

### **Leonard D. Looy**

Services were held on Wednesday, June 18 in the Hughes Funeral Chapel in memory of Leonard D. Looy, 31, who died on June 16. Interment was private.

Looy was a cable splicer for General Telephone and resided in Yucaipa. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Looy of Larry's Plumbing.

He is survived by the widow, Yolanda; parents Larry and Mary Looy of Wofford Heights; one brother, David Looy of Palm Desert; and two sisters, Martha Allington of Bakersfield and Ethelyn Looy of Wofford Heights.

### **Howard A. Fulton**

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday in Kernville Methodist Church for Howard Allen Fulton, 78, who died June 13. Rev. Robert Sanford officiated and interment followed in Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Mr. Fulton was a native of Wathena, Kansas, and had lived in California for 60 years. He last was employed by the Southern California Edison Co., for which he had worked for 37 years. He had lived at Edison KR1 and KR3 for 20 years where he maintained the hydro-electric power. He was a member of Kernville Methodist Church, Kernville Rebekah Lodge 185, and a long-time member of the Oddfellows Lodge.

Survivors include the widow, Katherine; two daughters, Roberta Joughin and Josephine Silicz of Lake Isabella; two sons, Robert of Chino and Howard of El Cajon; two brothers, Ralph of Cayucos and Floyd of Long Beach; two sisters, Verna Wibbenhorst of Tidewater, Oregon, and Pearl Paige of San Bernardino; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Thursday  
June 26, 1975

OBITUARY

### **George C. Beutner**

Services were held Tuesday, June 17, in San Diego for George C. Beutner, 78, who died in his Kernville home on June 13. The services were performed by the Lemon Grove chapter of the Masonic Lodge.

Beutner was born on October 11, 1896. He was a retired inspector at Convair in San Diego. He was a charter member of the American Legion and served in the Navy in both WWI and WWII. He was also a member of the order of Eastern Star and the Kern Valley Masonic Lodge. He had lived in Kernville for the past ten years.

He is survived by one daughter, Carole Federman of Milwaukee; and one sister, Lydia Hennersdorf of Kernville. Arrangements by Greenlawn Mortuary.

### **Sid Ricards**

Graveside services were held last Tuesday, June 24, in Greenlawn Memorial Park for Sid Ricards, 49, Lake Isabella, who died June 21 in Sacramento. John Burch, Christian Science Reader officiated.

Mr. Ricards, a native of Oklahoma, had been a resident of this community for 45 years. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a 32nd degree Mason.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Ricards Sr. of Lake Isabela; three sons, Steven, Mark, and Scott, all of Lodi; daughter, Sherri of Lodi; brother, Richard of Bakersfield; and sister, Gloria Landor of Bakersfield. Arrangements by Doughty-Calhoun-O'Meara.

## KERN VALLEY SUN

Thursday  
July 3, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Wilbur G. Taylor**

Services were held Friday, June 27 at Forest Lawn Little Chapel of the Hills in Hollywood Hills for Wilbur G. Taylor, 71, who passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital on June 24. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Taylor was born in Duluth, Minnesota on June 29, 1903. He was a retired carpenter and had lived in Kernville for 2½ years.

He is survived by the widow, Loretta of Kernville. He was the uncle of Dr. and Mrs. Charles August of Kernville.

**William B. Rodgers**

Private services were held Wednesday, July 2, for William B. Rodgers, 77, who died on June 30 at Kern Medical Center in Bakersfield. Interment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield.

Mr. Rodgers was born on October 1, 1897 in Iowa, and had been a Kernville resident for 11 years. He was a retired assembler for Hughes Aircraft Corporation.

He is survived by the widow, Theresa; one brother, Lawrence of Des Moines, Iowa; and one sister, Marian Wilson of Stuart, Iowa. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**William L. Atpier**

Services were held last Thursday, June 24 at 11 a.m., in Eternal Valley Chapel in Nowhall, Ca., for William Leonard Atpier, 73, who died on June 21 at the Kern Valley Hospital.

Mr. Atpier was born in Norman, Oklahoma on November 7, 1901. He had been an Onyx resident for the past six years. Atpier was a retired salesman for Mountain Mobile Homes in Ridgecrest.

He is survived by the widow, Effie; two sons, Reford of Santa Rosa and William of Bishop; one brother, Oren Atpier of Grand Junction, Colorado; one sister, Vella Banning of West Los Angeles; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
July 10, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Harold Warden**

Services were held Tuesday, July 8 at 11 a.m. in Kernville United Methodist Church for Harold Warden, 62, of Wofford Heights, who died July 4. The Rev. Myron B. Goodyear officiated and interment followed at Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Mr. Warden, a native of Mokane, Missouri, lived in Kern County for seven years. He worked for Edison Co., and with Public Utilities. He is survived by the widow, Evelyn; two sons, LeRoy E. Warden of Escondido, and Charles Robert Warden of Ephrata, Pennsylvania; a brother, Robert Jr. of Denver, Colorado; a sister, Loretta Short of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements by Mish Funeral Home, Oildale.

Thursday  
July 17, 1975

## OBITUARY

**George Petyak**

Services will be held at the Rogers Mortuary in San Diego on July 18 in memory of George Petyak, 75, of Burlando Road in Kernville who died Monday, July 14 at the Colonial Convalescent Hospital in Bakersfield. Kenneth McKinney, chaplain, and members of the F & AM Lodge No. 400 of La Mesa will conduct the services. Private interment will follow in the Masonic plot at Greerwood Cemetery.

Mr. Petyak was born on March 18, 1900 in Monesson, Pennsylvania and came to California in 1900. He worked for Pacific Telephone and Telegraph in the Southern California area until his retirement after 42½ years of service. Following his retirement, George and his wife, Brownie, moved to Kernville to fish and enjoy their beloved Kern River Valley. He became a member of the La Mesa Masonic Lodge No. 400 in 1940.

He is survived by his widow, Brownie; two daughters, Patricia Garcia of Ocean Beach and Coralee Guy of Chula Vista; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family requests donations to the American Cancer Fund in lieu of flowers. Arrangements by Rogers Mortuary, San Diego.

Thursday  
July 24, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Edith L. Amer**

Memorial services were held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 22 at the St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for Edith Louise Amer, 73, who died July 19 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Father Renner officiated at the church service and interment was in the Green Hills Memorial Park in Santa Paula. In memoriam: The arms that held us, the hands that cared for us are gone forever. We look to God for strength.

Mrs. Amer was born on December 16, 1901 in Grosse Point Farms, Michigan and resided in Lake Isabella at the time of her death.

She is survived by her husband, Albert; one daughter, Cecelia Negrete; son-in-law, David; grandchildren, Cecelia Marie and Kathryn Louise, all of Lake Isabella; one brother, Stanley Aller of Detroit and neices and nephews - Sr. Evelyn Marie of Phoenix, Marjorie Lally of Kernville, Russell Kidell of Detroit and Vivian Mechem, Doris Rushton, Bernice Leonard, all of Michigan. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Viola Mae Griffith**

Services were held Wednesday, July 23 at 11 a.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Viola Mae Griffith, 91, of Bakersfield, who died Saturday, July 19 at the Hilltop Convalescent Hospital in Bakersfield. Rev. Glen Burton conducted the services. Interment followed at Pajaro Valley Memorial Park in Watsonville, Calif. Mrs. Griffith was born on March 10, 1884.

She is survived by two sons, Cecil and Elmer of California; one daughter, Leila Cortright of Kernville; one brother, George Stone of Nebraska; three sisters, Cecilia Phillips and Ruth Hunt of California, and Leona Qualley of North Dakota; 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
July 31, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Louis P. Greene**

Services were held Monday, July 28 at 11 a.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Louis P. Greene, 79, of Lake Isabella who died Saturday, July 26 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. H.B. Long conducted the services. Interment was Tuesday, July 29, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Whittier. Mr. Greene was born in Texas on October 10, 1895. He lived in Lake Isabella for seven years. He was a third degree Mason of Lodge No. 457 in Monterey Park and was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella.

He is survived by the widow, Leurena; one son, Robert of Monterey Park; one daughter, Louise Hunter of Texas; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Marion O. Wearing**

Graveside services were held Wednesday, July 30 at 11 a.m. at the Eternal Valley Cemetery in Newhall for Marion Opal Wearing, 57, of Lake Isabella who died Sunday, July 27 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Interment followed. Mrs. Wearing was a retired personnel clerk for Lockheed Aircraft. She had resided in Lake Isabella for the past one and a half years.

She is survived by her husband, Nigel of Lake Isabella; one son, Dennis Wearing Sr., Granada Hills; one daughter, Barbara Lee Mosher, Denver, Colorado; and a stepfather, William Rinehardt, Sepulveda. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Jesse Allen Moore**

Services were held Friday, July 25 at 1 p.m. for Jesse Allen Moore, 58, of Weldon, who died Wednesday, July 23 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Interment followed at the Kern Valley Cemetery. Rev. Woodrow Peabody officiated at the services. Mr. Moore was born in Iowa on February 7, 1917. He had resided in Weldon for five years, and was a retired carpenter.

He is survived by the widow, Ruth; two sons, Richard Allen, Los Angeles and Floyd Eugene, Bakersfield; one daughter, Dorothy Martinez, Santa Ana; and three grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Aug. 14, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Emil Bushnell**

Services were held Saturday, August 2 at 11 a.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel, Lake Isabella, for Emil Bushnell, 65, who died Wednesday, July 30 at Kern Valley Hospital. The Elks conducted the services. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery. Mr. Bushnell was born February 27, 1910, and resided in Wofford Heights for seven years. He was a member of the Elks and was a retired security guard for RCA Studios.

He is survived by his wife, Genevieve; two sons, Russel of Ridgecrest, and Emil of Inyokern; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Edward Nelson**

Services were held Monday, August 11 at 10 a.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel, Lake Isabella for Edward Nelson, 73, who died Wednesday, August 6 at Kern Valley Hospital. Sid Ricards, Christian Science Reader, conducted the services. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery. Mr. Nelson was born December 22, 1901. He was a retired carpet layer and had resided in Bodfish for six years.

He is survived by his wife, Marie; three daughters, Joanne French, Tennessee; Virginia Shurr and Billie Owen, both of Indiana; three sisters, Emily Lambert, San Fernando Valley; Helen Brink and Gineva Dierolf, both of Indiana; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Frances Dittmar**

Services were held Tuesday, August 12 at 1 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Lake Isabella, for Frances Dittmar, 87, who died Friday, August 8 at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Arthur Lewis officiated at the services. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery. Mrs. Dittmar was born January 31, 1888 and resided in Wofford Heights for four years. She was a seamstress.

She is survived by three daughters, Caroline Hill, Kernville; Lorna Tincup and Ladean Carlyon, both of Oklahoma; three sons, Lewis Beach, Texas; John Dittmar, Oklahoma; James Dittmar, Washington; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



Thursday  
Aug. 21, 1975

OBITUARY

### Leonard Ross

Services will be held Friday, August 22 at 11:30 a.m. at the Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield for Leonard Ross, 70, Lake Isabella, who died Tuesday, August 19 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Bakersfield.

Mr. Ross was born January 8, 1905. He had lived in Lake Isabella for the past seven years and was a retired truck driver.

He is survived by his wife, Margie Ross, of Lake Isabella.

### Millie E. Newman

Graveside services were held Saturday, August 16 at 11:30 a.m. at the Roosevelt Park Cemetery, Gardena, for Millie Newman, 75, who died Tuesday, August 12 at Kern Valley Hospital. Interment followed. Mrs. Newman was born on September 9, 1899 in Port Scott, Kansas, and had resided in Bodfish for two and a half years.

She is survived by her husband, James of Bodfish; two daughters, Virginia Wood, Sylmar; and Geraldine Pierson, Spring Valley; one brother, John Cook, Elsabrando; eight grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Bruce Telford

Services were held Thursday, August 14 at Turner's Funeral Home in Moeb, Utah for Bruce Telford, 65, who died Monday, August 11. Interment followed at Moeb Cemetery. Mr. Telford was born in 1910 in Pomona, California. He had resided in Kernville for five years and had moved to Utah just two months ago.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; one daughter, Mary Lindsey, San Luis Obispo; two sons, Bruce Telford, Orange; and Dean Telford, Long Beach; and six grandchildren.

Thursday  
Aug. 28, 1975

OBITUARY

### Kenneth Blomberg

Memorial services were held at the Valley Mortuary Chapel on Tuesday, August 26, at 10 a.m. for Kenneth J. Blomberg of Kernville who died August 22. Sid Ricards, Reader at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Wofford Heights officiated at the chapel service, assisted by members of Kernville Oddfellow Lodge No. 251. Graveside services at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery followed with members of the V.F.W. Post No. 7665 officiating.

Mr. Blomberg was born in Lost Springs, Wyoming on November 29, 1910. He came to the Kern River Valley in 1947 and opened a garage, filling station and auto parts house in Old Kernville. He was co-owner of Swedish American Propane Gas Company (now Van Gas). When new Kernville was established, Mr. Blomberg erected the first business building in the new town, now known as the Sportsman's Inn. He was a retired Lt. Colonel, U.S. Army Engineers and a retired employee of Kern County.

Active in many civic organizations in the valley, Blomberg had served as Commander of the Veterans Club, Commander of the VFW Post No. 7665, Noble Grand of the Kernville Oddfellow Lodge No. 251, District Deputy Grand Master of Oddfellow District No. 73, and was a member of the Kernville Rebekah Lodge No. 385.

At the time of his death he held an appointive office in the Grand Lodge of California of Independent Order of Oddfellows, was vice president of the Kern River Valley Retired Officers Club, treasurer of the Havilah Centennial Group and a member of the board of directors of the Kern Valley Golf Course.

He is survived by the widow, Vy of Kernville; four brothers - Clarence of Thermopolis, Wyoming; Lawrence of Deer Park, Washington; Earl of Grass Valley, and Homer of Riverton, Wyoming; and many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Aug. 28, 1975

OBITUARY

### Arvada Cornelison

Private services were held Saturday, August 23 at 11 a.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Arvada Cornelison, who died August 22 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Mrs. Cornelison was born in Ohio and had lived in Wofford Heights for the past 10 years. She was a retired restaurant manager. She is survived by her husband Jesse, of Wofford Heights.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Death Notice

Janet Anderson, 89, died August 11 in Studio City. Services were held Thursday, August 14 and interment followed at Inglewood Cemetery. Mrs. Anderson is a former resident of old Kernville and Lake Isabella. She is survived by three daughters and one son.



## KERN VALLEY SUN

Thursday  
Sept. 4, 1975

## OBITUARY

***Rolland V. Spyker***

Services were held Wednesday, September 3 at 1 p.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Rolland Vern Spyker, 73, who died August 30 at Kern Valley Hospital. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Mr. Spyker was born in Ohio January 3, 1902 and had resided in Lake Isabella for the past eight years. He was a member of the 55 Plus Club and the Lake Isabella-Bodfish Property Owners' Association. He was a retired welder for U.S. Steel.

Mr. Spyker is survived by his wife, Ruby; five sons, Warren Spyker, Baldwin Park; Robert Showalter, Covina; Clarence Showalter, El Monte; John Burrows, Azusa; and Richard Burrows, Temple City. Four daughters, Vera Bemis, Modina, Utah; Alma Benson, Ettiwanda; Beverly Showalter, Jacksonville; and Fawn Matthews, Lynchburg, Virginia. One brother, Clarence Robinson, Illinois; three sisters, Ellen Dunlap, Hammond, Indiana; Marie Dunlap, Oblong, Illinois; Belva Bernia, Robinson, Illinois; two grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Thursday  
Sept. 11, 1975

## OBITUARY

***Edwin R. Marcy***

Services were held Saturday, September 6, at 10:30 a.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Edwin R. Marcy, 81, who died September 3 at Kern Valley Hospital. Reverend Myron Goodyear officiated at the service. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Mr. Marcy was born in Washington, May 20, 1894 and had lived in Mt. Mesa since December 1970. He was a past member of the Riverside Elks Lodge and was employed with Warren Anderson Ford Agency for 42 years.

Mr. Marcy is survived by his wife, Helen; 1 son, Vincent W. Marcy Sr., Mt. Mesa, 3 grandchildren; Vincent W. Marcy Jr., & Brian W. Marcy, Mt. Mesa, and Anita Marcy Feagans, Spokane, Washington and 4 great grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Sept. 18, 1975

## OBITUARY

***Thomas Mahoney***

Services were held Monday, September 15, at 11 a.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Thomas Frank Mahoney, 61, who died September 10 at his home in Kernville. Reverend Arthur Lewis officiated at the service. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Mr. Mahoney was born January 8, 1914, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and had lived in Kernville 3 months. He was a retired owner of an auto parts store.

Mr. Mahoney is survived by four daughters: Kathleen Kirkpatrick, Mission Hills; Rennie Mahoney, Hollywood; Kris Mahoney, Oregon; Trudie Mahoney, Mission Hills; and nine grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Sept. 25, 1975

OBITUARY

### Robert Donoho Sr.

Robert Bruce Donoho, Sr., 78, of Kernville died September 22 at Kern Valley Hospital. Services will be held September 26 at 1 p.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel. Rev. Leland Davis will officiate. Interment will follow at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Donoho was born in Missouri on October 10, 1896 and resided in Kernville five years. He was a retired postal clerk, U.S. Government.

Mr. Donoho is survived by his wife, Lilah; three sons, George, Kernville; Robert Jr., Yuba City; Donald, Culver City. One daughter, Nylene Davis, Tempe, Arizona. Five brothers, Barzella, Kansas City; Rayburn, Gerald and Kenneth, Humphrey, Missouri; and James, Kansas City, Kansas. Four sisters, Chloe Black and Alene Scott, Humphrey, Missouri; Garnet Wyatt, Trenton, Missouri; Eunice Faulks, Kansas City, Missouri. His stepmother, Grace of Humphreys, Missouri, ten grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Martin J. Goetz

Services were held Monday, September 22 at 1 p.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Martin Joseph Goetz, 80, who died September 17 at San Joaquin Hospital, Bakersfield. Rev. H.B. Long officiated. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Mr. Goetz was born in Germany on June 22, 1895 and had resided in Lake Isabella for 15 years. He was a retired supervisor at the International Harvester Company, Chicago.

Mr. Goetz is survived by his wife, Eileen; four sons, Kenneth, Riverkern; Martin, Dallas, Texas; Arthur, Okinawa; Donald, Fort Dix, New Jersey. Four daughters, Ethel Aducci, Indianapolis, Indiana; Lorraine Bondl, Chicago; Dorothy DeLisle, San Diego; Judy Wederski, Nebraska; Gail Baird, Rightwood, Ca., eleven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Oct. 2, 1975

OBITUARY

### Clifford Schnorr

Services were held October 1, at 1 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Lake Isabella, for Clifford George Schnorr, who died Thursday, September 25, while on vacation in South Dakota. Rev. Arthur Lewis officiated. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Mr. Schnorr was born in South Dakota, March 1, 1908. He lived in Lake Isabella for 2½ years, and prior to retirement was a shipper at Douglas Aircraft.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine, Wofford Heights; two sons, Gerald, Kernville; Bobby, Los Angeles; two daughters, Elaine L. Schnorr, and Darlene Turner, Whittier; one brother, Spencer Schnorr, Compton; and 4 grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Betty Irene Wenzel

Betty Irene Wenzel, 73, of Wofford Heights, passed away Saturday, September 20, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, while visiting family. Graveside services were held at the Oakwood Park Cemetery, Chatsworth. Interment followed. Mrs. Wenzel was born in Centerville, Iowa, and lived in Wofford Heights with her husband for seven years.

She is survived by her husband, George Wenzel, Wofford Heights; one daughter, Marian Lizzari, Granada Hills; one son, Ralph Uroman, Northridge and 4 grandchildren.

### F.B. Page Succumbs

F.B. (Jim) Page, 73, former owner and publisher of the Kern Valley SUN, died September 29, 1975 in Montpellier, France. Mr. Page, who was retired, was touring Europe at the time of his death. He lived in Kernville for many years.

Details of Mr. Page's death and services were not available at press time. A complete obituary will follow in next week's edition of the SUN.

Thursday  
Oct. 2, 1975

OBITUARY

### Don Gamby

Services were held in the Greenlawn Memorial Chapel Saturday, September 27, at 9 a.m. for Don J. Gamby, 82, of Kernville, who died September 24, 1975.

Gamby was born in Muskegon, Michigan, and had resided in Kern County for 53 years. He was retired from the Honolulu Oil Company in Taft and was a member of the Kern River Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7665, the Taft American Legion Post No. 70, and the Taft World War I Veterans Post No. 305.

Don Gamby, with his dog, "Peppy" was a familiar sight fishing the Kern River for many, many years.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Laura; his three daughters Blanche Brewster, Cypress; Donnette Dickey, Reno; and Frances Schmandle, Pismo Beach; 7 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three nieces of Spokane, Washington.

Pallbearers were his grandsons, Mike Brewster; Don Brewster; Bob Dickey; Joe and David Schmandle, his nephew, Dan Dalton.

### Lillie Mathews

Lillie Mathews, 75, of Kernville, died Friday, September 26, while visiting family in Oklahoma. She was born in Scotland, April 3, 1900 and had lived in the Sierra Traller Lodge, Kernville, for 11 years.

Mrs. Mathews is survived by one son, R.E. Mathews, Oklahoma; one daughter, Patti Hinderliter, Oregon; two sisters and 2 brothers.

Arrangements are being handled by the Eisenhower Funeral Home.

Thursday  
Oct. 9, 1975

## OBITUARY

## FRANCIS BEWLEY PAGE

*Morturi te Salutant.*

Francis Bewley Page died September 30 enroute between Narbonne and Montpellier, France. He was born June 13, 1902 in Republic, Washington, and all of his 73 years.....he lived and lived and lived.

*Ervin Buchheim*

Memorial services will be held today, Thursday, October 9, at Eagle Methodist Church, for Ervin Harry Buchheim, 61, who died Sunday, October 5. Rev. Gary Wilson will officiate.

Buchheim was born February 22, 1914, in Minnesota, and had lived in Squirrel Valley one year. Prior to retirement, he was a foreman at Kaiser Steel.

Survivors include his wife, Georgia, three sons, Bruce, North Hollywood; Gordan, Fort Gordon, South Carolina; Douglas, Denver, Colorado; four daughters, Diane Levine, Torrance; Judy Sawyer, Las Vegas, Nevada; Joan Carol, Roland Heights; Roxanne Hyatt, Rancho Mirage; four sisters, Ilene Walter, Mable Melburn, Melva Brown, all of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Helen Brandt, Clairemont, Iowa.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Oct. 9, 1975

## OBITUARY

*Richard Williams*

Richard Alvin Williams, 48, of Wofford Heights, died Thursday, October 2, in his home. Services were held Monday, October 6, at 11 a.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery. Officiating was the Kern Valley Masonic Lodge.

Williams was born February 22, 1927, in Los Angeles. He had lived in the valley four months and was a salesman for Adanac Mobile Home Sales.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; one son, Michael, Midway City; two daughters, Linda Milittelo, Rosemead; and Georgia Zaletel, Inglewood; his mother, Ann Jones, Gardena, and 5 grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

*Oscar Jenkins*

Services will be held today, Thursday, October 9, at 11 a.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Oscar Lorenzo Jenkins, 55, who died Sunday, October 5. Rev. Rulon Scott of the Latter Day Saints Church will officiate. Interment will follow at the Kern Valley Cemetery.

Jenkins was born in Safford, Arizona, July 12, 1920 and lived in the valley four years. He was a retired foreman for Bethlehem Steel Company. Jenkins was a member of the LDS Church and the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Verda; two daughters, Toni Snyder, Fallbrook, Calif; Tammy Palmer, Downey; one sister, Arlie Everett, Friendly Hills; and his mother, Jesse Jenkins, Whittier.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Oct. 16, 1975

## OBITUARY

*Hazel V. Brown*

Services were held Monday, October 13, at 2 p.m., in the Valley Mortuary Chapel, for Hazel Verna Brown, 74, who passed away in Kern Valley Hospital. Mrs. Brown was born in Dwight, Kansas, October 16, 1900 and resided in Lake Isabella for eleven years.

She is survived by her husband, Merle, Lake Isabella; one son, Dr. M. Robert Brown, San Mateo; one daughter, Lois B. Dungan, Bakersfield; and 3 grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Oct. 23, 1975

OBITUARY

**Maurice Metz**

Services were held Monday, October 20 in Fresno for Maurice Jean Metz, 65, who died in San Jose, October 16.

He was well known in Kern River Valley as the architect for the Kern Valley Hospital. He was born in Fresno and spent most of his life in that area.

He is survived by two sons: John and Gary; one daughter, Carol and one brother, Eddie Metz of Wofford Heights.

**Evelyn Welcher**

On Sunday, October 19, Evelyn Welcher, 53, passed away in Loma Linda Hospital after a long illness. Her services were held, as Evelyn requested her body to be donated to medical research.

She resided in Bodfish for 9 years, living her life to the fullest. Evelyn's memory will remain bright and everlasting in the hearts of her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Orville; two sons, Gary Welcher, Mt. Mesa, John Welcher, Morongo Valley; one daughter, Jo Ann Gearden, Riverside; three brothers, Jack Scott, Wofford Heights, Dick Scott, Wofford Heights, and Phil Scott, Morongo Valley; three sisters, Dorothy Ballard, Lola Hamilton and Pat Edge, Morongo Valley; nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild and her parents, John and Emeline Scott, Morongo Valley.

Thursday  
Oct. 30, 1975

OBITUARY

HENRY WELDON

On Saturday, November 25, Catholic graveside services were held at Kelso Valley Indian Cemetery for Henry David Weldon, 57, of Weldon. Mr. Weldon, third generation descendant of the founder of the community of Weldon died October 21. He was born in Kelso Valley.

Mr. Weldon, a cattle rancher, was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include the widow, Agnes; three sons, Henry Trent, Martin Glenn and Bryan Van Weldon, all of Weldon; three daughters, Judy Ann and Rebecca Rose Weldon of Weldon, and Mary Corene Deu Pree, Cantil; two brothers, Sidney, Weldon, and Raymond, Auburn; six sister, Dora Manuel, Weldon, Lila, Mable, Lena and Illie Weldon, all of Oildale, and June Wright, Santa Ana; and two grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements by J.W. Sams and Sons Funeral Home, Tehachapi.

Thursday  
Oct. 30, 1975

### *William Standerfer*

Services were held Saturday, October 25 at 11 a.m. for William Elmer Standerfer, 70, who died October 22 at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Hugh Power officiated. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Standerfer, a retired rancher was born in Texas, December 4, 1904 and had resided in the Kern County area for 33 years.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; one son, Gregory Lee, Vista; three brothers, Ernest and Leslie, Texas, and C.P. La Puente; two sisters, Essie Knight and Bessie Turner, Texas.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Nov. 6, 1975

### D'ARCY A. FLANAGAN

D'Arcy A. Flanagan, 70, died at his home in Kernville early Sunday morning, November 2. A sufferer from emphysema, he had recently been hospitalized for an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Flanagan was born July 3, 1905 in Orillia, Ontario, Canada. He came to the United States when a young man and became a naturalized citizen. He and his family resided in various cities of the east where he was engaged in the transportation business. Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan came to Kernville from San Fernando in 1968 and built a home on Hillside Drive. Besides his wife, Jeri, he is survived by a son, Dion of Kernville, a daughter, Mrs. Gerry Morrison of San Fernando, three grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Katherine Regan of Toronto, Canada, and Mrs. Agnes Regan of Sudbury, Canada. Private services were conducted at the Valley Mortuary Tuesday, November 4. Ashes will be scattered over the High Sierras.

### *Agnes A. Wonser*

Graveside services were held Friday, October 31, at Valhalla Memorial Park, North Hollywood, for Agnes A. Wonser, 58, who died Tuesday, October 28. Reverend Bock officiated.

She is survived by her husband, Harold J. Wonser, Lake Isabella; one daughter, DeRene Patricia Krise and three grandchildren.



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Nov. 6, 1975

## OBITUARY

## MARGARET STALFORD

Services for Margaret Stalford, 44, Weldon, were conducted Saturday, November 1 in the Doughty-Calhoun-O'Meara Mortuary Chapel. Margaret Stalford died October 29. Mrs Stalford was a native of Fresno and had lived in the Kernville area 43 years, and in California all her life. She was last employed by A. Brown Company of Kernville.

Msgr. Patrick Hannon officiated with interment following in Hillcrest Cemetery, Bakersfield.

Survivors include the widower, Sidney; 3 sons, Sterling of Kernville and Levi and Billy, both of Weldon; 2 daughters, Jeanie of Wilmington and Jennifer of Weldon; 2 brothers, Nathan Mace of Weldon and William Mace of Santa Monica; 5 sisters, Irene Miranda of Weldon, Angela Tungate and Pat Casteel, both of Tracy, Mildred Somera of Lathrop and Sylvia Mace of Porterville; and 1 grandson.

## JOHN R. SPRINGER

Graveside services are being held today, November 6, at 1:30p.m. for John Robert Springer, 54, who died Monday, November 3, at his home in Kernville. The VFW Post will officiate. Interment to follow at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Mr. Springer was born April 21, 1921 in Bakersfield and was a native of Kern County. He worked at the Fish Hatchery as a Technician for the California Department of Fish and Game. Mr. Springer was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the VFW. He is survived by one son, John, Lake Isabella; one daughter, Barbara Vadanais, Ridgecrest; his mother, Mildred Springer, Bakersfield; two sisters, Dorothy Ward, Hartflat; Betty Regent, San Diego, and four grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## KERN VALLEY SUN

Thursday  
Nov. 13, 1975

## OBITUARY

## LIBBY M. WEIR

Services were held Wednesday, November 12 at 11 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Libby M. Weir, 58, who died November 8 at San Joaquin Hospital. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery. Rev. Myron Goodyear officiated.

Mrs. Weir was born February 2, 1917, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Mrs Weir had lived in Kernville eighteen years and was the retired owner of the Corral Cafe, Kernville.

She is survived by two brothers, Frank Maly, Cedar Rapids, Joe Maly, Fresno; and one sister, Mae Lenway, Bodfish.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## EDGAR ASKEY

A private cremation was held Tuesday, October 21, for Edgar Askey, 62, who died Monday, October 20 at Kern Valley Hospital.

Mr. Askey was born in Kane, Pennsylvania, March 21, 1913 and was a retired technical engineer for Hughes Aircraft.

He is survived by his wife, Madeline; three sons, James, Eureka, Jerome, Oceanside, Richard, El Cajon; two daughters, Carol Warnock and Nancy Clancy, both of Woodbridge; one brother, Harold Davis, Santa Ana; two sisters, Neona Carl and Grace Holliwill, both of Erie, Penn. and thirteen grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## KERN VALLEY SUN

Thursday  
Nov. 13, 1975

## OBITUARY

## STANLEY PLEWS

Stanley Pews, 71, Kernville for the past 9 years, passed away November, 5, 1975 at U.C.L.A. Medical Center after a long illness.

Retired manager of the Bond Department of Travelers' Insurance Company of Los Angeles, he was past president of the Surety Association of Southern California. Pews was a member of Kernville United Methodist Church and a member of the Kern River REACT team.

Mr. Pews is survived by his wife, Katheryn; son, Gordon of Santa Barbara; one sister, and two brothers of Southern California.

Memorial services will be announced later.

## RACHEL E. REECE

Rosary was recited Friday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Rachel Ellen Reece, 64, who died Wednesday, November 5 in Mercy Hospital. Requiem Mass was held in Valley Mortuary Chapel on Saturday, November 8, at 11 a.m. and was followed by interment at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Mrs. Reece was born May 26, 1911, in Lincoln, Kansas. She had lived in Lake Isabella for 5½ years, and was a retired teller at California Bank and treasurer for the Altar Society.

She is survived by her husband, Orville; one daughter, Marge Gensmer, Cerritos; one step-daughter, Joann Geddie, Las Vegas; four brothers, Paul Smith, Lynwood, Leonard Smith, Long Beach, Keith Smith, La Habra and Neil Smith, Desert Hot Springs; one sister, Mildred Best, Huntington Beach, and two grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## KERN VALLEY SUN

Thursday  
Nov. 20, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Stanley Plews**

Memorial services for Stanley Plews, will be held November 22, 1:30 p.m. at the Kern Valley Methodist Church.

**Robert Dunlap**

Graveside services will be held Friday, November 21, at 10:30 a.m., Kern Valley Cemetery, for Robert Dunlap, 68, who passed away Sunday, November 16, at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Hugh Power will officiate.

Dunlap was born in Missouri, May 23, 1907, and had lived in the community for six months. He was self-employed.

He is survived by his son, Chester, Bodfish; one brother, Cy Dunlap, Missouri; four sisters, Mildred Pierce, Missouri, Thelma Jones, Washington, Mable Dunlap, Illinois, Beulah Dunlap, Michigan; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Elizabeth I. Keifel**

Services will be held Friday, November 21, at 2:30 p.m., Valley Mortuary Chapel, for Elizabeth I. Keifel, 71, who died Monday, November 17, at Kern Valley Hospital. Interment will follow at Kern Valley Cemetery with Rev. Hugh Power officiating.

Ms. Keifel was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on April 13, 1904. She had resided in Wofford Heights for fifteen years, was a member of the Rebekahs and a former clerk at Safeway Market.

She is survived by three sisters, Kathryn Rodriguez, Wofford Heights, Alma Waldorf, El Segundo, Louise Falk, Lake Isabella; one brother, Julius Schoenfeld, Lakewood; and thirteen nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Nov. 20, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Lawrence R.  
Bonneville**

Lawrence Ramo Bonneville, 52, passed away Sunday, November 16 at Kern Valley Hospital. Services were held Wednesday, November 19, at 11 a.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery, with Rev. Arthur Lewis officiating.

Bonneville was born in Virginia May 5, 1922, and had lived in the valley for 5½ years. He was a member of the Kern Valley Search and Rescue Squad. Bonneville was self-employed and a former photographer for the Kern Valley SUN.

He is survived by his wife, Marie (Pepper); one daughter, Kathy McCann, Norwalk; three sisters, Dorothy Prell, Los Angeles, Connie Smith, Southgate, MaryAnn Brown, Huntington Beach; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Herbert Shelton Jr.**

Interment services were held Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at Kernville District Cemetery, Kernville, for Herbert H. Shelton, Jr., 61, who died in Kernville, November 15. Officers of The B.P.O. Elks Lodge officiated. Mr. Shelton resided in Kern County three years and in California 36 years, and was a member of the B.P.O. Elks Lodge No. 2358, Kernville. He was a member of the International Association of Machinists, and was retired from McDonald-Douglass Aircraft. Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Burlah Shelton, Kernville. Hillcrest Mortuary, directors.

Wednesday  
Nov. 26, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Donald W. Welch**

Services are being held today, November 26, at 1 p.m., in Valley Mortuary Chapel for Donald Wayne Welch Sr., 47, who died Friday, November 21, at City of Hope, Duarte, Calif. Rev. Raulsten will officiate. Interment will follow at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Welch was born April 20, 1928. He had been the owner of the Cane Brake Inn for three years.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, Cane Brake; three sons, Donald Welch, Jr., Norwalk, Gary Welch and Thomas Michael Welch, Mt. Mesa; one daughter, Lisa Fay, Mt. Mesa; two brothers, Robert C. Welch Jr., and Nelson Welch, Fountain Valley; one sister, Patricia Levis, Durham, Calif.; and his father, Robert Welch Sr., Downey.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**George H. Schofield**

Services will be held at Warren Funeral Chapel, Fort Collins, Colorado, Friday, November 28, for George H. Schofield, 62. Interment will follow at Grandview Cemetery, Fort Collins, Colorado.

Schofield was born July 6, 1913, and had lived in the valley for one year.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, and one son, Edward Harley Schofield, Elk Mountain, Wyoming.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Dec. 4, 1975

OBITUARY

**Mildred L. Dunn**

Graveside services were held Wednesday, December 3, at Kern Valley Cemetery for Mildred L. Dunn, 69, who died Saturday, November 29, in Bakersfield. Rev. Hugh W. Power officiated.

Mrs. Dunn was born December 13, 1905, in Illinois, and had lived at Sierra Trailer Park, Kernville.

She is survived by her husband, Louis, Kernville; one son, Richard R. Dunn, Newport News, Virginia; one daughter, Barbara J. Hall, Brea; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Dec. 11, 1975

OBITUARY

**Homer Underwood**

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, December 2, at the Union Cemetery in Bakersfield for Homer Jay Underwood, 78, of 300 Olive Street in Bakersfield, who died on November 29 in a Bakersfield hospital. Services were conducted by officers of Libertas Lodge No. 466.

Underwood managed the Frontier Realty Co. in Wofford Heights prior to opening his real estate offices in Bakersfield. He was a real estate broker for 20 years before his retirement in the Bakersfield area.

He was a World War 1 veteran, an active member of the Masonic Lodge; Past Master of Pittsburg, Kansas Lodge No. 187, F&AM; past High Priest of the Itoyal Arch with a life membership; a member of Montjote Commandery 29, KT, and a Shriner with Mirza Temple of Pittsburg.

Survivors include the widow, Emily; 3 sons, Jackson of San Diego, William of Bakersfield, and Larry of Escondido; and one sister, Mrs. Edith Converse of Kansas City, Missouri.

**Clay W. Henderson**

Graveside services were held Monday at Kern Valley Cemetery for Clay Warren Henderson, 62, Lake Isabella, who died December 4 at Kern Valley Hospital. Elks Lodge, Kern River Valley Post No. 2358, will officiate.

Mr. Henderson resided in Kern Valley for 16 years. He was born in Oakland, Oklahoma, and came to California in 1941. Mr. Henderson was a member of the Elks Club and Moose Lodge No. 490. He was last employed as an electrician at Edwards Air Force Base.

Survivors include a son, Warren Frank, Phoenix, Arizona; two daughters, Susan Merrill, Phoenix, and Betty Allen, Minnesota; a brother, Victor W., Lake Isabella; 6 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



Thursday  
Dec. 18, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Maud Blandford**

Graveside services were held December 15 at Oakdale Memorial Park, Glendora, for Maude J. Blandford, 89, who died on December 12 at Kern Valley Hospital.

Mrs. Blandford was a four-year resident of Kern River Valley and had lived in California for the past fifty-five years.

She is survived by one son, William Allen, Escondido; one daughter, Elsie Durie, Wofford Heights; two grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

**Elise Goergl**

Services were held Wednesday, December 17, at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Elise Goergl, 79, who died December 15 at Beverly Manor Guest Home, Bakersfield. Glen Burton officiated. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Mrs. Goergl, a retired seamstress and twenty-nine year member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, resided in Bodfish for the past eleven years.

She is survived by one son, John (Jack) Goergl, Bodfish.

Thursday  
Dec. 18, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Harry V. Larson**

Private family services will be held today, Thursday, December 18 in Hemet in memory of Harris V. Larson, 79, known to his friends as Pinkie. A 12-year resident of Wofford Heights, Larson died on December 14 in Vista, California.

He was born on March 30, 1896 in North Dakota and moved to California nearly 60 years ago. He was employed by Standard Oil of California in the El Segundo plant for 43 years prior to his retirement. Larson was a veteran of World War I.

He is survived by one brother and two nieces. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in the name of Harris V. Larson to the American Cancer Fund.

**Luda P. Combs**

Services were held in Hillcrest Mortuary Chapel Wednesday, December 17 at 3 p.m. for Luda P. "Lou" Combs, 65, who died December 13. The Rev. Fred Cottriel of the First Assembly of God Church officiated.

Mrs. Combs was born in Paris, Texas, and had resided in the Lake Isabella area for seven years. Survivors include the widower, Elbert; son, Virvan of Bakersfield; 2 brothers, Nathan and Melford Rumisey, both of Oklahoma, and 3 sisters, Lela Robinson of Oklahoma, Mattie Wells and Lorene Flinn, both of California.

Honorary pallbearers were James Warren, Charles Scott, Charles Pierce, Tommy Raney, Henry McGregor and Dave Coburn. Private entombment was planned.

Wednesday  
Dec. 24, 1975

## OBITUARY

**Amburs W. Fry**

Graveside services were held in Paraja Memorial Park in Watsonville, California, on Monday, December 22 in memory of Amburs W. Fry, 60, formerly of Lake Isabella, who died on December 17 at the Kern Valley Hospital. The services were conducted by Valley Mortuary.

Mr. Fry was born in Waldron, Arkansas on April 19, 1915. He was a retired highway construction worker and a resident of Lake Isabella for the past year.

He is survived by two sons, William of San Jose and Franklin of Oklahoma; three sisters, Hettie Ryder of Huntington Beach, Gertha Mainard and Earlimart, Ella Metcalf of Red Oak, Oklahoma; and three grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Wesley Towleron**

Funeral services for Wesley Orin Towleron, 70, of Lake Isabella, were conducted Wednesday, December 17 at 3:45 p.m. by Rose Hills Mortuary in Hillside Church. Guardian Masonic Lodge No. 596, F. & A.M. officiated and interment was in Rose Hills Memorial Park.

Mr. Towleron, a resident of California for 47 years, and Lake Isabella area for five years, was born in Iowa, and died Sunday, December 14 in Kern Valley Hospital. He was a former diesel mechanic with Balser Trucking Company.

He is survived by his wife, Alma, of the home address, his father, Edward E. Towleron; three brothers, Merle, Roland and Dale Towleron, and a sister, Alma Partridge.

## KERN VALLEY SUN

Wednesday  
Dec. 31, 1975

## OBITUARY

## Weldon Man Dies In Crash

Sidney G. Kidd, 27, of Weldon was killed in a one-car accident on December 25 at about 12:30 a.m., according to the responding officer, CHP Jim Madouf.

Kidd was westbound on Highway 178, east of Lake Isabella when the accident occurred. He apparently lost control of his vehicle after failing to negotiate a curve and the car overturned and rolled over several times. He was transported to Kern Medical Center in Bakersfield where he died about 10:30 a.m. Christmas morning.

### *Sidney Kidd*

Graveside services were held at Kern Valley Cemetery Monday, December 29 in memory of Sidney George Kidd, 27, formerly of Weldon, who died December 25 at Kern Medical Center. Rev. Arthur Lewis officiated. Interment was in Kern Valley Cemetery.

Sidney Kidd was born in Santa Ana, June 1, 1948. He was employed by Starr Drilling of Lake Isabella and was a resident of Weldon for the past two years.

He is survived by Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Kidd, Onyx, and one sister, Shirley Kidd, also of Onyx.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday  
Dec. 31, 1975

## OBITUARY

## *Neva Vance*

Neva Vance, 61, long-time resident of Kernville, died suddenly Monday, December 29. She was the former communications manager and held the concession at Kernville Airport. She is survived by three sons, Ron, Gary, and Bill Vance.

Funeral arrangements are pending. Complete obituary will appear in the SUN next week.

## *Robert Nestell*

Memorial services will be held today, Wednesday, December 31 at 11 a.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Robert Edward Nestell, 58, who died on December 27 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7665 and Disabled American Veterans Chapter 54 will officiate at the services. Interment will follow in the Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Mr. Nestell was born in old Whiskey Flat on May 16, 1915 and became a part of the pioneer legend of the Kern River Valley. He lived in Kernville or the Bishop area all of his life, and highlighting a varied career, he became known as the "Blonde Bomber" during his days as a professional boxer. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 54, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and of the Moose Lodge No. 498.

He is survived by the widow, Mary, of Bodfish; one son, Steven of Reno, Nevada; three daughters - Gloria Barnes of Bishop, Susan Nestell of San Diego, Toni Cannon of Woodville; one brother, Forrest Burns of Mill Valley; one sister, Jean Moffat of Long Beach and 5 grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wednesday  
Dec. 31, 1975

## OBITUARY

## *Charlotte Pettypool*

Services were held at 2 p.m. on December 29 in the Highland Chapel Methodist Church in Lake Isabella in memory of Charlotte Ethel Pettypool, who died December 24 at the Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Donald Roulsten officiated at the service and interment followed in the old Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Mrs. Pettypool was a native of the Kern River Valley and at the time of her death was the oldest living native resident. She was born on October 28, 1875 in Onyx. Her father, Capt. Edwin Andress was one of the first settlers in the South Fork ranch country.

She married Ed Pettypool in 1896 and assisted in establishing the early Methodist churches in the valley. Mrs. Pettypool was one of the first correspondents with the Bakersfield Californian in the early 1930's, bringing the news of the social life of the Kern River Valley to the San Joaquin Valley. She was a resident of the Lakeview Guest Home in Wofford Heights at the time of her death.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Gertrude and Gus Suhre of Wofford Heights; three grandchildren, Elizabeth Waldrop of Wofford Heights, Phyliss Sherlock of Whitman, Massachusetts, Mrs. Harriet Chamberlin of Stockton; 11 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Kurtis and Jeffrey Waldrop, her grandsons; Hugh Chamberlin, Clifford Cross, Merrill Hight, and Marvin Powers.

Wednesday  
Dec. 31, 1975

OBITUARY

### *John Tomlinson*

Services were held Tuesday, December 30, 3 p.m., at Valley Mortuary Chapel in memory of John Leo Tomlinson, 72, of Lake Isabella, who died December 27 at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Arthur Lewis officiated. Interment was at Kern Valley Cemetery Wednesday, December 31.

Mr. Tomlinson was born in Chicago, June 27, 1903 and resided in Lakeland Tract, Lake Isabella, for the past five years. He was a retired security guard for Amphinol Electronics Co., Los Angeles and a member of 55 Plus Club.

He is survived by his widow, Ella; two sons, John of Auburn, Massachusetts, and Robert of Hickory Hill, Illinois; one daughter, Shirley Wille, Westlake Village; one brother, Lawrence, Chicago; three sisters, Marie Curley of Denver, Ann Vana of Chicago, and Celia Ungurates of Chicago; eleven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### *Enar E. Enarson*

Enar Eugene Enarson, 73, a resident of Kern County for 10 years, passed away on December 23 at the Santa Fe Hospital in Los Angeles.

Mr. Enarson was born on May 22, 1901 in Iron Mountain, Michigan. He retired as Chief Clerk of the Santa Fe Railroad in Barstow after 21 years of service.

He is survived by the widow, Wavel; one sister, Mrs. Pat Szwedoweki of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; a brother-in-law, Mr. Carle of Florida and several nieces and nephews. Interment was in Barstow.

Wednesday  
Dec. 31, 1975

OBITUARY

### *John Austin*

Services were held Tuesday, December 30, 11 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for John Whittington Austin, 75, of Bodfish, who died December 24 at Kern Valley Hospital. Kern River Valley Masons officiated the chapel service. Entombment was at 2 p.m. at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Mr. Austin was born June 15, 1900, in Mexico and was a resident of Bodfish for the past nine years, a California resident for sixty - one years. He was a retired surveyor for the city of Los Angeles and member of Kern River Valley Masons.

He is survived by his widow, Lucille; and one niece, Henrietta Contacessi, Quartz Hill.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES OF THE KERN VALLEY SUN HAD NO OBITUARIES LISTED

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### Neva Vance

Obituary notice was listed in Kern Valley Community Edition, January 7, for Neva Vance, 70, 300 Elm St., Kern Valley, Tuesday, December 24, 1974. Mrs. Vance was 70 years old.

She was born in Nevada, December 4, 1904, residing in Kern Valley twenty years, and had two sons, one in California.

She is survived by three sons, Nevada, Earl, Jackson, Gary and William, both of Santa City, Nevada; one brother, Fred Earl, Orosi, and, William, and Gene Price, Hanford; one sister, Opal Van Doren, Mendocino, and four granddaughters.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and formerly manager of Kern Valley High.

### Anna Kreckel

Obituary notice was listed in Kern Valley Community Edition, January 7, for Anna Kreckel, 70, 300 Elm St., Kern Valley, Tuesday, December 24, 1974. Mrs. Kreckel was 70 years old.

She was born in Germany, December 4, 1904, and resided in Kern Valley twenty years. She is survived by two sons, Earl and William, both of Santa City, Nevada; one brother, Fred Earl, Orosi, and one sister, Opal Van Doren, Mendocino, and four granddaughters.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8, at the Kern Valley High School.

## KERN VALLEY SUN

Thursday  
Jan. 8, 1976

## OBITUARY

*Neva Vance*

Graveside services were held at Kern Valley Cemetery Friday, January 2, for Neva Beatrice Vance, 62, who died at Kern Valley Hospital December 29. Rev. Myron B. Good-year officiated.

She was born in Arizona December 2, 1913, residing in Kernville twenty years, and thirty-two years in the state.

She is survived by three sons, Ronald, Lake Isabella; Gary and William, both of Carson City, Nevada; two brothers, Irvin Price, Cottonwood, Arizona; and Clyde Price, Flagstaff; one sister, Ora Van Deran, Mesa, Arizona; and eight grandchildren.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and formerly manager of Kern Valley Airport.

Thursday  
Jan. 8, 1976

## OBITUARY

*Orvil O. Jett*

Services will be held Thursday, January 8, 1:30 p.m. at Church of the Hills, Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, for Orvil Oscar Jett, 54, who died January 5 at Kern Valley Hospital. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn. Valley Mortuary will officiate.

Mr. Jett was born in Clarkston, Washington, February 22, 1921, a three-year resident of Kern Valley, forty-five years in California.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita; seven sons, William Howard Peede Jr., Arizona; Dr. Robert L. Peede, Jackson, Mississippi; Tony, Robert, Johnny, Frank, and Kenny Jett, all of Los Angeles; one brother, Kenneth Jett, Los Angeles; one sister, Viola Budney, Sacramento; and fifteen grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Jan. 8, 1976

## OBITUARY

*Alma Krekel*

Services were held Wednesday, January 7 in Valley Mortuary Chapel for Alma Rosetta Krekel, 74, who died January 3, at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Claude Sims officiated.

Born in Oregon February 25, 1901, she resided in Lake Isabella forty-five years, sixty-three years in the state.

She is survived by one son, Bud Higgins, Seattle, Washington; two brothers, Ernest and Ernie Pitzer, both of California; one sister, Mary Navarre, Turlock; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



## KERN VALLEY SUN

Thursday  
Jan 13, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Duane D. Huff**

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Lyons Mortuary Chapel, Ridgecrest, for Duane Dale Huff, 54, who died at Kern Valley Hospital, January 10. Glen Burton will officiate. Interment to follow at 2:30 p.m., Kern Valley Cemetery.

Born in Norcatur, Kansas, May 23, 1921, Huff was a retired engineer at China Lake Naval Weapons Center. A Kern County resident for the past 30 years, he most currently resided in Onyx.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; four sons, Dale, Azusa; Leland R., Los Angeles, Frank, Azusa, William T. Rouse, San Francisco; one daughter, Barbara Jean Viers, Arlington, Texas; four brothers, Roy, Norcatur; Frank A., Meeker, Colorado; Glenn, Alhambra; Leland, Center, Texas; two sisters, Hazel Van Gundy, Norcatur; Alta May May, Sutton, Nebraska; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Jan. 13, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Theodore Clodgo**

Graveside services were held Tuesday, January 13 at Kern Valley Cemetery for Theodore Alfred Clodgo, 54, who died January 8 at Mission Hills. Rev. Calhoun and Veterans of Foreign Wars officiated.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, June 17, 1921, he was a five-year resident of Kern River Valley.

He is survived by his wife, Eina, Bodfish; one son, Lance, Hummelstown, Pennsylvania; three daughters, Lisa Clodgo, Florida, Jill and Gretchen Clodgo, both of Hummelstown, Pennsylvania; one sister, Rita Cote, Bodfish; one niece, Carol Burkey, Bodfish.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Jan. 13, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Minnie Caraway**

Services were held Tuesday, January 13, at Valley Mortuary Chapel and Wednesday, January 14, at Green Hills Memorial Chapel, San Pedro, for Minnie Mae Caraway, 79, who died January 11 at Kern Valley Hospital. Interment followed at Green Hills.

Born in Texas, December 2, 1896, she resided in Kernville for the past six years.

She is survived by two sons: Carl Rotan, Buena Park; Virgle Rotan, Lawndale; two daughters, Etta Mae Rotan, Kernville; Louise Pryor, Kernville; two brothers: Charles and Samuel Petty; one sister: Gertrude Ashford, Texas; seventeen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Jan. 22, 1976

OBITUARY

### A. "Red" Vega

Services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Weldon Methodist Church for Alfonso "Red" Vega, 78, a long-time Kern resident who died January 15 in his home at Weldon.

The Rev. Don Roulsten officiated with interment in Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Vega was born in old Kernville on January 23, 1897. He started his ranching days at the age of 12 on John Weldon's ranch in Kelso Valley.

For years he worked on valley ranches including Landers, A. Brown Co., Walker Rankin Ranch, Smith Ranch, Onyx Ranch and the Hartman Ranch in Glennville. At one time he hauled hogs and freight to Caliente by mule team.

In the 1930's Vega worked at Springville for the CCC camps and in the Imperial Valley. He also did some work in the movies which were filmed around old Kernville.

In 1944 he married Dorothy May Hand and in 1948 they took up a homestead in the Weldon area which he farmed until he retired in 1971.

Survivors include the widow, Dorothy; three sons, Alonzo of Bakersfield, Frank of Lake Isabella, and Gilbert of Weldon; five daughters, Bertha Einbree of Bakersfield, Theresa Morris of Springville, Rosalie Vega of Bodfish, and Deanna and Melody of Weldon; one sister, Mrs. Mabel Bracamonte of Bakersfield; two nephews, Raymond Vega of Anchorage, Alaska and Richard Vega of Bakersfield; two nieces, Vera Rivas and Beatrice Soto; and eight grandchildren.

Thursday  
Jan 29, 1976

OBITUARY

### Beverly Ann Kytola

Memorial services will be held at the Valley Mortuary Chapel today, Thursday, January 29 at 11 a.m. for Beverly Ann Kytola, 40, of Lake Isabella. Rev. Arthur Lewis, pastor of the Lutheran Church, will officiate at the service and interment will follow in the Kern River Valley District Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mrs. Kytola was born May 22, 1935 in Detroit, Michigan and she died on January 25 in the Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield. She had lived in Lake Isabella for the past 11 years and was an active partner in the Lake Isabella Vacation Trailer Rental business.

She is survived by her husband, Bill; one daughter, Susan, her mother, Mrs. Florence Igel of Roseville, Michigan; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Shaw of Lake Isabella; and one sister, Mrs. Sheila Hirshbeck of Michigan. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## KERN VALLEY SUN

Thursday  
Feb. 5, 1976

## OBITUARY

*James Ingram*

Services will be held at the Hillcrest Mortuary Chapel in Bakersfield at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, February 5 for James A. Ingram, 89, who died February 1 in a Bakersfield hospital. Rev. Jack D. Peacock, pastor of the Cavalry Bible Church and members of the Caledonia Masonic Lodge No. 486 will officiate at the service. Interment will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Ingram was born in Brazil, Indiana and was a resident of Bakersfield for the past 50 years. He was employed by Southern Pacific Railroad Co. as a machinist for 30 years. Ingram was a member of Caledonia Masonic Lodge No. 486, the Eagles Aerie No. 93 and Knights of Pythias.

He is survived by the widow, Cora of Bakersfield; one son, Clifford; three daughters, Gertrude Ingram of Pasadena, Mary Palden of Inglewood, Effie Ingram of Bakersfield; 4 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Thursday  
Feb. 5, 1976

## OBITUARY

*Helen Stone*

Services were held at the Valley Mortuary Chapel on Tuesday, February 3 at 11 a.m. for Helen Marie Stone, 67, of Wofford Heights who died on January 30. Rev. Woodrow Peabody, pastor of the St. Peter's Episcopal Mission conducted the chapel service and members of the Eastern Star No. 643 officiated at the graveside rite. Interment was in Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Mrs. Stone was born in Newport News, Virginia on March 21, 1908. She was a resident of Wofford Heights for the past 8 years and a resident of the state for 45 years. She was a member of the Eastern Star No. 643 and the 55 Plus Club.

She is survived by the widower, Benjamin; one brother, Kenard Bruce of Marion, Ohio; two sisters, Sylvia McMahan of Downey and Ruth Lewis of Hemet.

Thursday  
Feb. 5, 1976

## OBITUARY

*Michael Birdwell*

Memorial services were held in El Cajon on January 26 for Michael Lee Birdwell, 27, who died on January 23 in Southern California.

He was born in Lakeside, California on April 14, 1948 and was a resident of the Kern River Valley for five years.

He is survived by two daughters, Michelle and Victoria of Long Beach; his mother, Mrs. Betty Saska; his father, Bud Birdwell; two sisters, Marcie and Lisa, and one brother, Steven of Lakeside.

## KERN VALLEY SUN

Thursday  
Feb. 12, 1976

## OBITUARY

## SMITH JOBE

Services were held at the assembly of God Church in Wofford Heights on Monday, February 9 at 2 p.m. for Smith Kefer Jobe, 75 of Bella Vista Tract, who died on February 5. Rev. Richard C. Harbison, pastor of the Assembly of God Church officiated. Interment followed in the Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

Jobe was born on May 31, 1900 in Kentucky. He was a resident of the state for 30 years, and had lived in the valley for 11 years at the time of his death. He was a retired wire cutter employed by North American Aviation Company.

He is survived by the widow, Molly; two daughters, Marjorie Turner of Tombstone, Arizona and Geraldine Flood of Lake Isabella; two brothers, Chester Jobe and Estell Jobe, both of Columbus, Ohio; one sister, Pearl Sexton of West Virginia, and 27 grandchildren. Arrangements by Holland and Lyons Mortuary of Ridgecrest.

## JANE SEARS

Jane Dilibert Sears, 55, died February 7, Mercy Hospital, Bakersfield. Cremation took place Monday, February 9, and the ashes were scattered at sea.

She is survived by her husband, Everett Sears, Kernville; one daughter, Leslie Gordon, Fairbanks, Alaska; one son, Peter Sears, Simi Valley; her father, Samuel Dilibert, Hollywood, Florida; and two grandchildren. Arrangements by Doughty, Calhoun and O'Meara, Bakersfield.

Thursday  
Feb. 12, 1976

## OBITUARY

*Violet Blomberg*

Graveside services were held Tuesday, February 10, at Kern Valley Cemetery for Violet Elvira Blomberg, 68, who died February 6 at Fireside Convalescent Hospital, Santa Monica. Sidney Ricards, Christian Science Reader, and Kernville Rebekah Lodge No. 365 officiated.

Born in Chicago, September 22, 1907, she came here in 1942 to teach school in old Kernville. Following World War II, her husband Ken joined her here and made Kernville their home.

VI was a member of Church of Christ, Scientist, Wofford Heights. She was past president of V.F.W. Auxiliary Post No. 7665, Past Noble Grand of Kernville Rebekah Lodge No. 365, and Past District Deputy, District No. 51, Rebekah Assembly of California. At the time of her death, she was Area Press Chairman, Rebekah Assembly of California.

*Hazel Mayhew*

Graveside services were held Wednesday, February 11, at Kern Valley Cemetery for Hazel D. Mayhew, 70, who died February 6 at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Hugh Power officiated.

Born March 13, 1905 in Panhandle, Texas, Mrs. Mayhew was a retired medical secretary from the Los Angeles area. A 27 year resident of California, she had lived in Lake Isabella only two weeks. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Orange County.

She is survived by one daughter, Gloria Boyer, Lake Isabella; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Feb. 19, 1976

OBITUARY

**Joe P. Willis**

Graveside services will be held today, Thursday, February 19 at Kern Valley Cemetery for Joe P. Willis, who died Friday, February 13, 1 p.m., Kern Valley Cemetery.

Willis, a retired custodian, was a resident of Bodfish for the past seven years, better known as "Camper Joe."

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Feb. 26, 1976

OBITUARY

**Josephine Murillo**

Services were held Friday, February 20 in Hillcrest Mortuary Chapel for Josephine K. Murillo, 67, who died February 16. Rev. William McCord officiated. Interment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Born in Visalia, Mrs. Murillo was a resident of Kern County for the past 10 years. She was an employee of Firestone Tire Company for 16 years.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph, Miracle Hot Springs; one son, Ernest, El Monte; and two daughters, Pat, Anaheim, and Barbara, Sacramento.

Arrangements by Hillcrest Memorial Park and Mortuary.

**Byard J. Taylor**

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 24, at Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, for Byard J. Taylor, of Wofford Heights, who passed away February 20 at the Kern Valley Hospital.

Mr. Taylor was born in Catlin, Illinois, on May 9, 1903, and moved to California during the World War II period, where he was employed by Lockheed and General Precision. He had been a resident of Wofford Heights for the past seven years. He was a member of the Kernville United Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite in Illinois.

Mr. Taylor is survived by the widow, Lucile C. Taylor, a sister, Josephine Douglas of Sarasota, Florida, and two brothers, Don Taylor of Fairmount, Illinois, and John Taylor of Indianaola, Illinois.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Kernville United Methodist Church.

Thursday  
Feb. 26, 1976

OBITUARY

**Henry Jones**

Graveside services were held Wednesday, February 25 for Henry Lawrence Jones, 44, who died February 22 at Kern Valley Hospital. Kern Valley Disabled Veterans officiated. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Born October 24, 1931, in Erie, Pennsylvania, Jones was a retired foreman with Sierra Electric, Los Angeles. Resident of California 20 years, he lived in Kern River Valley for the past five years.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey; two sons, Henry Jr., Ft. Lewis, Washington, Dale Alan, Lake Isabella; three daughters, Le Ann Jansen, Mt. Mesa, Traci Lynn, Lake Isabella, Cheryl Renee, Lake Isabella; one brother, Gordon Cappalletty, Valencia; one sister, Harriett Ann Hedderick, Idaho Falls; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Jones.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Lisa Wonser**

Lisa Duprey Wonser, 18, died February 19, in Piru, California. Born in Thousand Oaks, she was a resident of Lake Isabella from 1965 to 1973. She was a student at Kern Valley High School.

She is survived by her parents, Jim and Barbara Wonser, Piru; three brothers, Tom, Joe and Dan; and one sister, Diane Wonser, Bakersfield.



Thursday  
March 4, 1976

## OBITUARY

**William Walker**

By Ardis Walker

William D. Walker passed away in the Bakersfield Memorial Hospital on Sunday, February 29 after a long illness. He was born in Kernville on August 17, 1898, the son of William Brannon Walker, Jr., and Etta Mae Bole Walker, who were natives of Kernville. His grandfather, William Brannon Walker, Sr., had crossed the plains from Texas during the gold rush, moved with his family from the Mother Lode to Keysville, then on to Kernville, when the mines of those camps had created a sizeable stampede to the Kern River diggings.

The deceased spent most of his life in the Kern River country and in the region of Glennville and White River, where he absorbed the culture of a frontier society which he retained until his last day.

His early formal education consisted of the bare rudiments of reading, writing and simple figuring. But, throughout his youth and manhood, he amassed a huge store of skills and learning in the world of nature; skills which are disappearing in a modern technological age.

In his youth, he was trained in prospecting the hills of the Kern by his miner father and in the arts of hunting and tracking, which were handed down to him though his father as an heirloom which had its origin in Indian neighbors and friends.

He leaves three daughters, Lillian Moore and Vivian Miller of Woody, June Price of Kernville, and a son, Robert Bob Walker of Bakersfield. His descendants include 15 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He also leaves a brother, Ardis Walker of Kernville.

In accordance with his expressed wishes, there will be no funeral services and his ashes will be deposited on the Moore Ranch near Woody where he spent his last years.

Thursday  
March 4, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Earl B. Broce**

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 2, at the Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier for Earl B. Broce of Wofford Heights, who passed away Friday, February 27, at the Kern Valley Hospital.

Mr. Broce was born in Bristol, Tennessee, on November 3, 1899 and moved to California in 1908. He was employed for many years by the Otis Elevator Company. He retired in 1954. He was also employed for some time by Kern County.

Broce built and operated the Sportsman's Inn and adjacent service station in Kernville and has been a resident of Wofford Heights for the past nine years. Mr. Broce was a member of the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local No. 18, in Los Angeles.

He leaves his widow, Margaret E. Broce; two sons, Harry and Dudley Eskew of Los Angeles; two sisters, Mrs. Peggy Lusman and Mrs. Arlene Gage; and a brother, Leon Broce, all of Santee, California. He also leaves four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Kern Valley Hospital Heart Fund.

Thursday  
Mar. 11, 1976

OBITUARY

**Gerald Schaupp**

Services were held March 6 in Colonial Chapel, Custer Christian Mortuary, West Covina, for Gerald William Schaupp who died March 3. Service was officiated by Chaplain Robert Burton. Private interment followed.

Resident of Duarte, Schaupp and his wife owned a cottage in Wofford Heights and were regular visitors to the valley.

He is survived by his wife Gladys; two daughters, Lynne McCarthy and Katherine Dixon; one son, Robert Schaupp; two brothers, Roscoe and Paul Schaupp; two sisters, Gladys Reinecker and Zora Lasch; and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements by Custer Christian Mortuary, West Covina.

**Leon J. Smith**

Leon J. Smith, 51, died March 7 in his Lake Isabella home. No service will be held.

Born February 21, 1925 in Mt. Ida, Arkansas, he was a four-year resident of Lake Isabella and owner of Master Cleaners. A member of Moose Lodge No. 498 and Elks Lodge No. 2358, Smith was a retired police officer from Huntington Park.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen; two sons, Robert Smith, La Jolla, and Richard Smith, Taiwan, China; parents Bud and Mattie Smith, Huntington Park; one sister, Lois Pace, Downey; and one brother, Jerrold, Los Angeles.

In Lieu of flowers, friends are asked to make donations to Heart Fund or charities for crippled children.

**Maurice Willoughby**

Graveside services will be held today, March 11, 1 p.m. at Kern Valley Cemetery for Maurice Donald Willoughby, 61, who died March 8 at Kern Valley Hospital.

Born in Skamokawa, Washington, Willoughby was a retired meter repairman for San Bernardino Water Company. He lived in Bodfish the past five years.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; one son John Dean Willoughby, San Bernardino; two brothers, Vincent and Dean Willoughby, both of Verns, Oregon; and one grandson, John Gregory Willoughby, San Bernardino.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Mar. 18, 1976

OBITUARY

**Lyda McDonald**

Services will be held today, Thursday, March 18 at 1 p.m. at McCormick Mortuary Chapel, Inglewood, for Lyda McDonald, 73, who died March 14 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Burbank. Interment will follow at Inglewood Cemetery.

Born in Lincoln, Nebraska, she last resided in Wofford Heights and was a ten-year valley dweller. Mrs. McDonald was a member of Lady Elks.

She is survived by one daughter, Louise Venable, Chatsworth; one son, Gene Baraldi, Inglewood; and two granddaughters.

Arrangements by McCormick Mortuary, Inglewood.

Thursday  
Mar. 25, 1976

OBITUARY

**Marrill Parke**

Graveside services will be held today, March 25, at 11 a.m. for Marrill A. Parke, 55, who died March 22 at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Woodrow Peabody will officiate with interment following at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Born in Spokane, Washington, September 9, 1920, Parke was employed as a service station attendant at Mobil station, Lake Isabella. Resident of California fifteen years, he spent eight years in Kern River Valley.

He was a member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 54, and Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by one son, Dennis Parke, Fullerton; two daughters, Dianne Hertzeg, Placentia, and Darleen Treford, Anaheim; one brother, Frankford Parke, Jr., New York; his father, Frankford Parke, Sr., Lake Isabella; and ten grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Byron Nichols**

Graveside services will be held today, March 25, at 2 p.m. for Byron Nichols, 82, who died March 10 at his home in Lake Isabella. Felix Olivetti will officiate with interment following at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Born May 23, 1893, Nichols has no known relatives.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Apr. 1, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Mary Trayers**

Memorial services for Mary Lee Trayers, 70, who died March 29 at Kern Valley Hospital were held Wednesday, March 31, at Valley Mortuary Chapel. Private cremation followed.

A valley resident three years, she lived in California eleven years and was a retired nurse's aide from Mt. Claire Hospital.

She is survived by her daughter, Dorothy Williams, Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Edith Weis**

Graveside services for Edith H. Weis, 80, who died March 29 at Kern Valley Hospital were held Wednesday, March 31 at Grandview Memorial Park, Glendale. Rev. Carpenter officiated.

A retired clerk from Good Samaritan Hospital in the Los Angeles area, she lived eight years in Kernville and thirty-five years in California.

She is survived by two sons, John W. Weis and Richard D. Weis, Kernville; two sisters, Lillian Forsberg, Wichita, Kansas, and Ruth Jillson, Manhattan, Kansas; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Thursday  
Apr. 8, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Hubert Williamson**

Hubert O. Williamson, Wofford Heights, passed away in Torrance, Tuesday, March 30. He was born January 9, 1919 in Metropolis, Illinois and had lived in California for 36 years.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara of Torrance; 2 sons, Donald of Carson and Larry of Redondo Beach; two daughters, Joy Frazzitta of Torrance and Lynn Lozano of El Toro; three brothers, Walter of Tennessee, Floyd of Lake Isabella, and Ralph of Wilmington; 1 sister, Florence of Seattle, Washington; and 8 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 2, in the Chapel of the Ivy located within Halverson-Leavell Mortuary of Torrance. Graveside services were at 3 p.m. in Kern Valley Cemetery.

**Margaret Craig**

Graveside services were held Tuesday for Margaret F. Craig, 64, who died April 4 at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Hugh Power officiated and Jeanette Rogers was soloist at Graveside.

Born March 18, 1912, in Texas, she was a retired secretary for China Lake Naval Weapons Center. She lived in Kern County the past twenty-eight years and was an active member of Lady Elks.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Craig, Lake Isabella; two daughters, Ruth Block, Los Angeles, and Sandra Craig, Cheyenne, Wyoming; three brothers, Albert McGinty, George Williams, and Robert Williams, all of Texas; two sisters, Helen MacAngus, and Beulah McGinnis, both of Texas; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Apr. 8, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Eldon Sechrist**

Eldon Sechrist passed away Thursday, April 1 in Wofford Heights.

The Sechrists, and sons Royce and Charles Sechrist, are owners of Wofford Heights Awning Company. Seven years the family had a weekend home in the valley, before his retirement from Operating Engineers. They moved to Wofford Heights in June of 1971 from Bellflower.

Prior to his illness Eldon served as Deacon, treasurer, and Sunday School Superintendent in the First Southern Baptist Church in Kernville. He had also helped in missions in Nevada, and the Los Angeles area. For many years he had a large youth department in the Sunday School in Bellflower.

He was born in Ranger, Texas, April 6, 1914. The family came to California in 1942. He worked for Doty Brothers Construction and Ledford Brothers Construction as heavy equipment operator in Signal Hill.

He is survived by his wife, Evalena; sons, Gary Sechrist, Simi Valley; Royce Sechrist and Charles Sechrist of Wofford Heights; and one daughter, Jeanne Nickell, San Jose; his mother, Viola Sechrist, Huntington Beach; two brothers, Clifford Sechrist, Newport Beach, and Bill Sechrist, Long Beach; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be in the First Southern Baptist Church of Bellflower and burial in Rose Hills Cemetery, Whittier. Ministers officiating are Rev. Lewis Gerdes, Rev. Sam Jones, and Rev. Bill Gibson.

Thursday  
Apr. 15, 1976

OBITUARY

## Son Of Kern Valley-ites Feared Drowned

Gary Lee Wilson of Napa was presumed drowned after his 13-foot sailboat capsized in choppy waters and heavy winds on Lake Berryessa. The 26-year-old man was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Darle Wilson, owners of Whispering Pines Lodge in Kernville.

According to sailing companion, Thomas Stevenson, the craft capsized about 2 p.m. March 26. Stevenson said he managed to right the boat and threw a life cushion to Wilson, who was still in the water, but after turning the boat around, Wilson had vanished.

Sheriff's deputies and rangers searched the cove east of Spanish Flat and surrounding area until nightfall and continued the search through the following Monday. Darle Wilson has made a personal search for his son's body, but to date efforts have been futile. Waters in the cove are an estimated 120 feet deep.

Wilson was a ranger with California Division of Forestry the past five years, stationed in Napa this past year. He was a frequent visitor in the Kern River Valley and had many friends and acquaintances here.

If verified, the mishap will be the first drowning incident at Berryessa this year.

Thursday  
Apr. 15, 1976

OBITUARY

## Lawrence Huck

Private cremation was conducted Tuesday, April 13, for Lawrence Leo Huck, 62, who died April 11 at his home.

He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, March 18, 1914, spending the past three years in Squirrel Valley and twenty-five years in California. He was a retired security guard, formerly with Burns Company.

He is survived by his wife, Nelwyn; one son, Andre Huck, Napa; one daughter, Sondra Meyer, Covina; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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## OBITUARY

**James S. Burt**

Services were held Wednesday at Valley Mortuary Chapel, Lake Isabella, for James Stan Burt, 63, who died April 25 at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Arthur Lewis officiated. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Born in California, April 3, 1913, he was a retired assembler with Challenge Cook Brothers trucking equipment. He resided for the past ten months in Onyx.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; a son, James Brown of Spokane, Washington; a sister, Elizabeth Griest of Granada Hills, and two grandchildren.

**Wendell Wright**

Mr. Wendell Wright, Chisolm Trail, Onyx, Ca., died at his home April 17. Wright was 68 years of age at the time of his death.

Funeral services for Wright were held April 21 at Inglewood Mortuary. Wright was buried in the Inglewood Cemetery. The deceased is survived by his wife, Grace; son, Larry Wright and family, San Jose; daughter, Jean Smith, San Jose; and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Wright was a resident of the Onyx area for about two years prior to his death. The Wrights, retirees from Inglewood, owned their home at their Onyx address.

Thursday  
Apr. 29, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Peter Dietrichson**

Memorial services will be held at Cottage Grove Cemetery in Weldon Saturday, May 1, at 11 a.m. for Peter Dietrichson, 59, who died April 24 at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Don Raulsten of Weldon and Rev. Jerry Clapper of Ridgecrest will officiate. Private cremation will be conducted.

Born in Norway October 15, 1916, he lived in Onyx for the past four years and was a retired administrator at China Lake Naval Weapons Center, residing in China Lake eighteen years.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis of Onyx; two sons, Peter Dietrichson III of Ridgecrest and Robert Dietrichson of Trona; one daughter, Hope Adams of Ridgecrest; one sister, Edie Dietrichson of Norway; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dietrichson of Norway; and five grandchildren.

Thursday  
May 6, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Gail Posten**

Memorial services were held Wednesday, May 5 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Gail Ones Posten, 84, who died May 2 at Kern Valley Hospital. Chaplain of World War One Barracks officiated. Private cremation followed.

Born October 29, 1891 in Bagnell, Missouri, he was a retired rancher active in the Bodfish community the past eleven years. A member of World War I Barracks, he was a founding member of 55 Plus Club and charter member of Lake Isabella-Bodfish Property Owners Association.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; 3 sons, Ralph Posten of Burbank, Bert Fuller of Chaellis, Washington, David Fuller of Bakersfield; a daughter, Mary Jefferson of Lone Pine; a brother, John Posten of Fresno; a sister, Shloe Hubble of Columbia, Missouri; 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.



Thursday  
May 13, 1976

OBITUARY

### Quincy T. Miles

Services were held at First Assembly of God Church in Lancaster Tuesday for Quincy T. Miles, 73, who died May 6 at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Fred Cottriel and Rev. Richard Harbison officiated. Interment followed at Joshua Memorial Park in Lancaster.

Born in Tullos, Louisiana, July 23, 1903, he lived in Wofford Heights the past three years. He was a retired construction worker and a resident of California fifty-six years.

He is survived by his wife, Clara, of Wofford Heights; two sons, Roger Miles of Sacramento and Bruce Miles of Lake Stevens, Washington; two daughters, Patricia Mauldin of Lancaster and Sandra Miles of San Diego; a brother, Frayne Miles of Tullos, Louisiana; two sisters, Mae Morris of Pineville and Ernestine Maxwell of Tullos; and eight grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Margaret Nieberg

Rosary was recited Thursday, May 6, at Hillcrest Memorial Chapel, Bakersfield, for Margaret M. Nieberg, 69, who died May 5. Requiem mass was celebrated May 7 at St. Joseph's Church and interment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park. She was born in Michigan, residing the past 31 years in Kern County. She was an employee of Continental Telephone Systems twelve years and an active member of Pink Ladies and St. Jude's Altar Society.

She is survived by her husband, Gustave; a daughter, Pamela Nieberg of Michigan; six brothers, Joseph, Al, Eugene, Arthur, Hubert, and Ernest Roger, all of Michigan; four sisters, Ethel White of Bakersfield, Donelda Dundas and Geraldine Cooper of Michigan, and Loretta Kennedy of New Jersey; and one granddaughter.

Arrangements by Hillcrest Memorial Park and Mortuary.

Thursday  
May 20, 1976

OBITUARY

### Fred Brown

Services were held Tuesday, May 18, at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Fred H. Brown, 80, who died May 16 at Kern Valley Hospital. Kern Valley Masonic Lodge officiated. Private cremation followed.

Born in Kansas September 28, 1895, he was a member of Hesperian Lodge No. 264 in Santa Maria fifty-three years. He lived in Kernville thirteen years and sixty-five years in California. He was a retired executive with Standard Oil.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Della (Katy) Baker

Services were held Monday, May 17 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Della Catherine (Katy) Baker, 64, who died May 13 at Kern Medical Center, Bakersfield. Rev. Hugh Power officiated and interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

A fourteen-year resident of Bodfish, she worked as a cocktail waitress at Jack's Tavern in Bodfish. She was born in Sikeston, Missouri, October 3, 1911.

She is survived by a son, John Trousdale of Stanton; three daughters, Jana Brown and Cathy Smith of Bodfish, and Carol Gindalia of Torrance; two brothers, Ralph and Tom Baker of Missouri; one sister, Elizabeth Baker of Missouri; her father, Thomas Frazier of Missouri; and seven grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Michael Long, Elmer Sherman, Harlan Manskin, Mark, Michael, and Steven Gindalia. Honorary pallbearers were Don Smith, Rex Thomas, and Roger Bennett.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
May 20, 1976

OBITUARY

### Genevieve Bushnell

Rosary will be recited today, Thursday, May 20, 7:30 p.m., at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Genevieve Bushnell, 63, who died May 17 at her Kernville home. Requiem mass will be recited at 10 a.m. Friday, May 21, at Valley Mortuary Chapel. Rev. James Renner will officiate. Interment will follow at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Born April 28, 1913, she lived in Kernville the past twelve years and thirty years in California. She was an active member of Lady Elks and St. Jude's Altar Society.

She is survived by two sons, Russell Bushnell and Emil Radford Bushnell of Ridgecrest; a brother, Arthur Royce of Covina; a sister, Meriam Bohn; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Dion Flanagan

Dion D'arcy Flanagan, 36, died May 17 in his Kernville home. Private cremation will be conducted.

Born January 12, 1940, in Manhattan, New York, he was a graduate of Pierce College in San Fernando Valley. He lived in Kernville the past seven years and thirty years in California.

He is survived by his mother, Geraldine Flanagan of Kernville; and his sister, Geraldine Anne Morrison of San Fernando.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
May 27, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Letha Settlemyre**

Services will be held today, May 27, 1 p.m., at First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella for Letha V. Settlemyre, 75, who died May 23 at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Hugh Power will officiate, with interment following at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Born March 23, 1901, in Huntley, Minnesota, she was an eight-year resident of Mt. Mesa and lived in California the past thirty-five years. She was a retired housekeeper for Valley Presbyterian Hospital.

She was a member of Eastern Star, Meriam White Shrine of Jerusalem Chapters 59 and 643 in Van Nuys; Shin Chapter of Golden Slipper, 55 Plus Club, and South Lake Property Owners' Association.

She is survived by her husband, Theodore Settlemyre of Mt. Mesa; a son, James Babcock of Chatsworth; a daughter, Evelyn Duttera of Canoga Park; a brother, Merle Brown of Huntley, Minnesota; two sisters, Leila Berger and Lila Lyon, both of Phoenix, Arizona; an aunt, Etta Brown of Lake Isabella; and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Victor Henderson**

Graveside services were held Monday, May 24 at Kern Valley Cemetery for Victor W. Henderson, 74, who died May 21 at Kern Valley Hospital.

Born in Ardmore, Oklahoma, he was a retired salesman for Hunts Foods. He had lived in Lake Isabella sixteen years and thirty-five years in the state.

He is survived by two aunts, Vira Ross of Kentucky and Elta Jones of Hollywood; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
May 27, 1976

## OBITUARY

# Canyon Crash: 1 Dead

A Bodfish man died and two Bakersfield men were seriously injured as their car plunged over an embankment on the old Kern Canyon Road Monday night.

Russell Dale Rudy of Bodfish, 32, former owner of the Carriage House in Lake Isabella was driving a 1967 Mercedes east when he apparently lost control of the vehicle on a sharp curve, crashing down the embankment at approximately 9:20 p.m. Monday, May 24.

It was the third local traffic fatality this year.

Wreckage was not discovered until 7:54 a.m. Tuesday, when the driver of a school bus reported the accident to California Highway Patrol authorities.

CHP Officer Verbie Pierce responded to the call. According to his report, the three occupants of the vehicle were transported to Kern Valley Hospital where Rudy was pronounced dead on arrival.

The two passengers, Ronnie Roberts, 26, and Bruce Harris, 25, were then transported to Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield.

Roberts was reportedly pinned in the wreckage, and it was determined he had lost feeling from the waist down.

Harris allegedly freed himself from the wreckage Tuesday morning and walked to the home of a friend. Officer Pierce reported that Harris was in a state of shock.

Thursday  
June 17, 1976

## OBITUARY

### *Marguerite Lightner Ashe*

A Kern Valley pioneer, Marguerite Lightner Ashe, 87, died June 4 in Bakersfield. Inurnment was at the Keyesville Cemetery. Her residence was 1101 New Stine Road, Bakersfield.

She was the daughter of Abiah T. Lightner Jr. and Tena Lightner. Her grandparents were Capt. Abiah T. Lightner Sr. and Jemima Snelling Lightner.

Captain Lightner prospected for, owned, developed and operated the Big Mammoth Gold Mine at Keyesville in 1852 after leading a party of wagons across the plains from Missouri.

Captain and Mrs. Lightner moved to Walker Basin in 1858 and founded the Lightner Ranch.

Mrs. Ashe was married to William G. Follansbee, who died in 1924, and the late Richard E. Ashe. She was a state inheritance appraiser in Bakersfield for 25 years before entering the insurance business.

Also in Bakersfield she was active in civic and political affairs and was a life member of Soroptimist International, a charter member and past president of the Soroptimist Club of Bakersfield and a member of the Republican Central Committee and Kern County Cow-Belles. She was secretary of the Cattleman's Association.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Webb, Santa Maria; a son, William G. Follansbee, Saudi Arabia; a sister, Mrs. George Ramage, Laguna Hills, and two stepchildren, Muriel Holden and Tom Ashe, both of Bakersfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rosewood Gardens Memorial Fund, 1301 New Stine Road, Bakersfield.

Thursday  
June 17, 1976

## OBITUARY

### *Riston Fussell*

Services were held Tuesday, June 15, at Valley Mortuary Chapel, Lake Isabella, for Riston E. Fussell, 75, who died June 12 in Lake Isabella. Rev. Arthur Lewis officiated and interment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Born in Texas July 26, 1900, he was a retired mechanic with Gifford and Hill. He resided twenty-six years in California, fourteen of them in the valley.

He is survived by his two sons, James Fussell of Lake Isabella and William Fussell of Buena Park; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
June 24, 1976

## OBITUARY

### *Herbert Borne*

Graveside services were held at Kern Valley Cemetery Wednesday, June 23, for Herbert C. Borne, 80, of Lake Isabella, who died in Onyx June 17. Veterans of Foreign Wars and World War I Veterans officiated.

Born in Alexander, Missouri, February 17, 1896, he was a retired commander in the United States Navy. He lived in the valley six years, with thirty years residence in California.

He is survived by his son, Herbert Borne of Lafayette, Louisiana; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
June 24, 1976

**FATAL COLLISION** near Bloomfield Ranch in Onyx claimed the life of Herbert Borne, 80, of Lake Isabella. The accident occurred in morning hours Thursday, June 17, on Highway 178. California Highway Patrol officer Jim Malouf was at the scene with Kern County fire personnel and Progressive Ambulance, combining efforts to free Borne from the wreckage.

Thursday  
July 1, 1976

## OBITUARY

## Crash Is Fatal To Man, 69

Bodfish man died in a single-vehicle crash on Highway 178 Thursday, June 24, when his car lurched over a 150 foot embankment in Kern Canyon.

According to report by California Highway Patrol officer Verble Pierce, Gerhard Gloyer, 69, of Bodfish was eastbound on Highway 178 in his 1959 Edsel when the car apparently drifted off the side of the road, traveling 193 feet on the dirt shoulder before rolling over the embankment three and one-tenth miles east of old Kern Canyon Road at 2:30 p.m.

Reports showed no witnesses and no sign of skid marks on the pavement.

Gloyer was transported to Kern Valley Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival, the fifth highway fatality in Kern Valley in the past six months.

Thursday  
July 1, 1976

## OBITUARY

### Gerhard Gloyer

Private cremation was conducted Monday, June 28, for Gerhard Gloyer, 69, of Bodfish, who died June 24. Inurnment followed at Cottage Grove Cemetery in Onyx.

Gloyer, born March 12, 1907, was a long-time resident of Bodfish. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Carl Larson

Graveside services will be held at Kern Valley Cemetery at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 1, for Carl R. Larson, 75, who died June 28 at San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield. Rev. Myron Goodyear will officiate.

Born in Corning, New York, July 24, 1900, he lived in Bodfish the past eleven years. He was a retired supervisor for On-Mark Engineering in Van Nuys and a member of the local Moose Lodge.

He is survived by his wife Alice of Bodfish; his daughter, Hilda Capps of Simi Valley; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
July 8, 1976

## OBITUARY

### Josie Pruett

Mrs. Josie Baugh Pruett, 102, died June 28 at Santa Terracita Hospital, Duarte. She homesteaded in the Cane Brake area about 43 years ago with her son, Robert Lee Pruett.

Mrs. Pruett and her husband were First Christian Church missionaries in Japan for 16 years in the early 1900's. Three of her sons were born in Japan. She was born in Tennessee on May 11, 1874.

Services were held June 30 at the First Christian Church, Glendale. Entombment was at Grandview Mausoleum, Glendale.

Included among Mrs. Pruett's survivors are four sons, Robert Lee, Mt. Mesa; Russell, Newport Beach; Robert Lowell, Ridgecrest; and Robert Lloyd, Lake Tahoe; and a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Farrington, Honolulu.

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## OBITUARY

## DELLA DRINKWINE

Graveside services will be held at Kern Valley Cemetery Friday, July 11, at 10 a.m. for Della Marie Drinkwine, 61, who died July 5 at Kern Valley Hospital.

Born in Arkansas November 2, 1914, she was a retired welder with Douglas Aircraft. She lived in Lake Isabella the past ten years and was a twenty-year resident of California.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Drinkwine of Lake Isabella, Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

## HELEN EDSON

(Editor's note;) Through an oversight the following obituary notice was not published in May at the time of the death of Mrs. Helen Edson. The SUN herewith publishes the notice.

Mrs. Helen Laura Edson, 65, Mt. Mesa Trailer Court, died May 4 of natural causes at Kern Medical Center, Bakersfield. She was a resident of Mt. Mesa 11 years.

Graveside services were conducted May 14 at the Kern Valley District Cemetery by Rev. Mike Goodyear of the Kernville United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Edson was born in Minneapolis and worked in Los Angeles for Daze and Co., and the Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Department.

Survivors include her husband, Seth; two brothers, Glenn Discher, North Mankato, Minn., and Fred Discher, Anaheim.

Arrangements were by Valley



Thursday  
July 15, 1976

## OBITUARY

## LOTTIE A. WULSTEIN

Mrs. Lottie Agnes Wulstein, 93, died of natural causes Sunday, July 11, at Kern Valley Hospital. She resided on Burlando Road, Kernville, the past 13 years. She moved here from Los Angeles. Graveside services were held Wednesday, July 14, at the Kern Valley District Cemetery.

Mrs. Wulstein was a concert violinist and an exceptional scholar in mathematics and literature. She was fluent in five languages. Following studies at Bradley University, Peoria, Ill., she was an instructor at the University of Chicago. She also was a poetess and the author of fiction stories.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Among Mrs. Wulstein's survivors are a son, Lauren Wulstein, Kernville; two grandsons, Garry, Kernville, and Kenneth, North Hollywood; two granddaughters, Sherrine Knapp, Chowchilla, and Rita Moon, Huntington Beach.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Thursday  
July 15, 1976

## OBITUARY



**J. Curtis Anderson**

Services were held Tuesday, July 13, at Hillcrest Mortuary Chapel for J. Curtis Anderson, 80, of Onyx who died July 9 at Kern Valley Hospital. Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints officiated the service and members of various veterans' organizations conducted the interment, which followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Born August 9, 1895 in Kaufman, Texas, he was an active member of World War One Barracks No. 1841, Plumbers and Steamfitters Union, Disabled American Veterans No. 54, Masonic Lodge, Elks Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, Oddfellows, American Legion, Veterans' Club, Rotary, Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce, Wofford Heights Improvement Group, and chairman of Community Chest in Kern Valley for the past 21 years. He spent the past 37 years in Kern County.

He is survived by his wife, Florence Mayrie of Onyx; his daughter, Ongie Kloose of Brea; his son, Raymond Lewis Anderson of Glendora; his brother, Albert Anderson of Texaco, New Mexico; three sisters, Bonnie Jones and Eva Nuzum of Clovis, New Mexico, and Alma Geingrich of Paris, California; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Hillcrest Memorial Park and Mortuary, Bakersfield.

Thursday  
July 29, 1976

OBITUARY

**David Williams**

Services were held July 24 at Noble Chapel in San Fernando for David Neal Williams, 24, who died in Kernville July 16. Rev. David Corbin officiated. Interment followed at Eternal Valley in Newhall.

He was born in Mississippi and was an employee of Kernville Auto Body.

He is survived by his mother, Myrtle Williams of Wofford Heights; four brothers, Hershel Williams of Van Nuys, Ed Williams of Granada Hills; Aubrey and J.C. Williams, both of Spokane, Washington; and four sisters, Helen Kimbrell of Memphis, Tennessee, Johnnie McIntire of Wofford Heights, Hazel Grady and Katherine Gallegos, both of Shafter.

Thursday  
July 29, 1976

OBITUARY

**Kenneth  
Salyer  
Drowns**

A Lake Isabella youth became the second drowning victim in Lake Isabella this year after being pronounced dead on arrival at Kern Valley Hospital Wednesday, July 21.

Kern County Sheriff reports stated that Kenneth Scott Salyer, 16, was swimming in the lake with Suzanna Taylor of Bodfish when the incident occurred. Salyer was in the area between the Main and Auxiliary Dams when he apparently disappeared below the surface of the water.

Swimmers in the area responded to Suzy's screams for help. Bob Cecil of Lake Isabella recovered young Salyer from the water and began to administer first aid. An unidentified CB radio operator summoned help.

Deputy Jim Young and Progressive Ambulance rushed to the scene at 3:50 p.m. The boy was pronounced dead at 4:15 p.m.

Ken is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Salyer of Lake Isabella, owners of Isabella Supermarket.

**Kenneth Salyer**

Services were held Saturday, July 24, at First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella for Kenneth Scott Salyer, 16, who died in Lake Isabella July 21. Rev. Hugh Power officiated and interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

He was a student at Kern Valley High School and was born in Ventura February 11, 1960.

He is survived by his parents, Robert and Peggy Salyer of Lake Isabella; two brothers, Charles and David Salyer; and his sister, Kathy, all of Lake Isabella; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Salyer of Kernvale and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Gaddis of Ventura.

Pallbearers were James Duran, Tim Scott, Todd Titus, Chris Kinney, Sandy Rodgers, Randy Ellis, with John French and Gene Patterson serving as honorary pallbearers.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

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## OBITUARY

**Helen Kirkpatrick**

Services were held at Valley Mortuary Chapel Wednesday, August 4, for Helen Allen Kirkpatrick, 71, who died at Kern Valley Hospital August 1. Reverend Doctor Roger O. Sherwood, T.H.D., of United Church of Christ officiated the chapel service and members of Kernville Rebekeh Lodge officiated the interment at Kern Valley Cemetery.

She was born in Bergen Beach, Brooklyn, New York, August 20, 1904 and lived in Kernville the past twelve years. She was an active member of Kernville Rebekeh Lodge.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond Kirkpatrick of Kernville; three daughters, Joan McCutcheon of Torrance, Mary Sherwood of Sherman Oaks, and Neal Downes of Simi Valley; and three grandchildren.

Donations may be sent to the Heart Fund in her memory.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Millicent Owen**

Services were held Tuesday (Aug. 3) at Greenlawn Memorial Chapel, Bakersfield, for Millicent Rebecca Owen, 29, Caliente, who died July 29 as the result of an automobile accident.

Interment followed at Greenlawn Memorial Park with Rev. Robert Phillips, Bakersfield, officiating.

Mrs. Owen was a native Californian and resided in Kern County 26 years. She was last employed by Couture and was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Jimmy Glen Jr., a daughter, Michelle Lynn, both of Caliente; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Everett, a brother, James T. Everett, and grandfather, James R. Everett, all of Bakersfield.

Thursday  
Aug. 5, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Helen Cramer**

Services were held at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella Tuesday, August 3, for Helen Beatrice Cramer, 57 who died August 1 at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Hugh Power officiated and interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Born in Fredonia, Kansas, September 25, 1918, she lived in Lake Isabella the past four years.

She is survived by her two sisters, Pauline Stark and Nora Duffey, both of Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Aug. 12, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Michael Norton**

Private cremation was conducted August 10 for Michael Joseph Norton, 58, who died August 8 at Kern Valley Hospital.

He was born in Brooklyn, New York, May 4, 1918 and resided in Mt. Mesa the past eight months. He lived in California thirty years and was a member of ham radio league. He was a retired salesman for Montgomery Ward.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret of Mt. Mesa; his son, Bill Aumann of Middletown, Rhode Island; two daughters, Carol Mulick of Glendora and Barbara Heiland of St. Paul, Minnesota; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
July 22, 1976

OBITUARY

**Alfred Koegel**

Graveside services were held at Kern Valley Cemetery Tuesday, July 20, for Alfred J. Koegel, 67, who died July 16 at Kern Valley Hospital. Latter Day Saints missionaries officiated.

He was born in Alameda, February 16, 1909, and was a retired serviceman for Firestone Tires. He lived in Wofford Heights the past 6 years.

He is survived by his wife, Louise of Wofford Heights; two sons, Alfred Koegel, Jr., of Inglewood and James Koegel of Wofford Heights; and one grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**George Hahn**

Graveside services were held at Kern Valley Cemetery Tuesday, July 13, for George Henry Hahn, 70, who died at UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles July 9. Rev. Calhoun officiated.

A six-year resident of Onyx, he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, June 1, 1906.

He is survived by his wife, Eva May Hahn of Onyx; his son, George Hahn, Jr., of Los Angeles; three daughters, Julia Bolton of Erie, Pennsylvania, Marcella Phifer of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Donna Gettig of Simi Valley; thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
July 22, 1976

OBITUARY

**Yolonda Gregory**

Services were held at Valley Mortuary Chapel Thursday, July 15, for Yolonda Beryl Gregory, 28, who died July 11 in Avenal. Rev. Myron Good-year officiated. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

She was born in Taft, November 24, 1947, and is survived by her husband, Gary, Avenal; her son, Gary; her daughter, Theresa; her brother, Lloyd Bruce Teel of Norwalk; her sister, Brandy Smith of Huntington Beach; her mother, Jean Payton of Corpus Christi, Texas; her father, Willmer Teel of Mt. Mesa; and her grandmothers, Ada O'Brian of Atlanta, Georgia and Elsie Teel of Taft.

**Nellie Heryford**

Services were conducted by Valley Mortuary Monday, July 19, at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Bakersfield for Nellie R. Heryford, 60, who died July 14 at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Jack Peacock officiated.

She was born in Berkeley, November 13, 1915 and was a 25-year resident of Kernville.

She is survived by her husband, Theodore Heryford of Kernville.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
July 22, 1976

ACCIDENT

**Cyclist  
Is Killed**

The sixth traffic fatality was recorded Friday, July 16 when a 25-year-old Kernville man apparently lost control of his motorcycle and hit an embankment on Burlando Road.

California Highway Patrol officer Jim Malouf reported that David Williams was headed south on Burlando Road in Kernville at approximately 6 p.m., when he lost control of his motorcycle and struck the embankment.

Bohn's Ambulance of Kernville responded to the call and Williams was pronounced dead on arrival at Kern Valley Hospital at 6:20 p.m.

Thursday  
Aug. 19, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Elva Lee Raynor**

Services were held at White's Funeral Home in Bellflower, the Flower Garden Chapel, for Elva Lee Raynor, 44, of Rock Haven Trailer Park in Wofford Heights, who died August 4. Interment followed at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. Dr. Harold Baker officiated.

Born in Oklahoma, November 16, 1931, she was a professional cook and previously owned a restaurant. She was an active member of Lady Elks and Lady Eagles. She had lived in the valley the past two years.

She is survived by her husband, Ted of Wofford Heights; two sons, James Hamm of San Diego and Robert Hamm of Oklahoma; and three grandchildren.

**George Hartman**

Services were held at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella Monday, August 16, for George E. Hartman, 62, who died August 11 at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Myron B. Good-year officiated. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Born in Oklahoma, September 3, 1913, he was a retired machinist with Harvey Aluminum. He lived in California the past thirteen years, the last four of which he resided in Bodfish.

He is survived by eleven children: five sons, Jimmy, Johnny, Charles, Thomas, and Danny; six daughters, Patricia Vaughn, Edna Jones, Shirley Haff, Kay Hartman, Karen Hartman, and Sharon Fuhman; his brother, Thomas Earl Hartman; and forty grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Aug. 19, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Donovan Gouldin**

Services were held August 13 at the Kernville United Methodist Church for Donovan F. Gouldin, 68, 126 Sirretta, Kernville, who passed away August 11 at Kern Valley Hospital. Burial at Kern Valley District Cemetery followed. Rev. Myron B. Good-year officiated.

Mr. Gouldin was owner of the Kernville Telephone Company from 1945 to 1958. He lived in the Kern Valley for 31 years and was a member of the Libertas Masonic Lodge No. 466, Bakersfield.

He was a past president of the Kernville Lions Club and a past noble grand and district deputy grand master of the Oddfellows Lodge.

Mr. Gouldin was born in Omaha, Nebraska, August 4, 1908.

He is survived by his wife, Edith; a son, Lee Gouldin, Tempe, Arizona; a daughter, Kay Walker, Onyx; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Aug. 19, 1976

## OBITUARY

**John True**

Graveside services were held at Kern Valley Cemetery Tuesday, August 17, for John Lawson True, 52, who died August 13 at Kern Valley Hospital. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7665 officiated.

Born in Oklahoma September 14, 1923, he was a retired miner for Great Lakes Chemical Company. He was a forty-five year resident of Kern County.

He is survived by his wife, Doris; four sons, Monty and Larry, both of Bakersfield, Mitchell of Stockton and Ricky of Lake Isabella; six daughters, Connie Van Scoy, Ronda Calvillo, and Sandra Andrews of Bakersfield, Nancy Carr and Shelly Castillo of Lamont, and Candace Hamilton of Lake Isabella; his mother, Melinda True of Oklahoma; six sisters, Virgie Tannehill of Oklahoma; Pearl Casey of Fortuna, Martha Baxter of Oregon, Lottie Kesser of Sacramento, Arlene Wesson of Eureka, and Stella Horton of Sacramento; and thirteen grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



## KERN VALLEY SUN

Thursday  
Aug. 26, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Elsie Stewart**

Services were held in Greenlawn Memorial Chapel Tuesday, August 24, for Elsie Alice Stewart, 67, of Lake Isabella, who died August 21 in a Bakersfield hospital. Rev. John May officiated and interment followed at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

A native of Oklahoma, she resided in Kern County forty years. She was a member of the Cancer Society and Property Owners' Association.

She is survived by her son, Louis Admire of Oildale; five daughters, Christina Rice of Ridgecrest, Coleen Earnshaw of Oildale, Rose Fairchild of Lake Isabella, and Gail Ludwick and Mary Lou Kelley of Bakersfield; three sisters, Pearl Hope of Bakersfield, Etta Loving of Concord, and Florence Thompson of Oklahoma; and twelve grandchildren.

Arrangements by Greenlawn Memorial Park and Mortuary, Bakersfield.

**Verla Doorlag**

Services were held at Weldon Methodist Church Tuesday, August 24, for Verla Alberta Doorlag, 71, who died August 21 at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Don Roulsten officiated and interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Born in Iowa August 18, 1905, she was a twelve-year resident of Lake Isabella and lived in California sixty-five years.

She is survived by her son, Jerry Doorlag of Whittier.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Maurice Blain**

Graveside services were held at Kern Valley Cemetery Tuesday, August 24, for Maurice W. Blain, 72, who died August 19, at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Stephen Nagler officiated.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, January 27, 1904, he lived in the valley the past seven years and forty-five years in the state. He was a member of San Fernando Chapter of the Power Squadron and Lake Isabella Highlands Property Owners' Association.

He is survived by his brother, William Blain of Louisiana; his sister, Dorothy Scott of Oregon; two nephews, William and Robert Heizer of Newbury Park.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Aug. 26, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Virgil Chase**

Memorial service was conducted at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella Saturday, August 21, for Virgil Chase, 62, who died August 17 in his home. Rev. H.B. Long officiated. Private cremation followed.

A native of Liberty, Kansas, he was born October 8, 1913. He was a resident of Lake Isabella the past nineteen years, living forty-two years in the state.

The retired driller, self-employed while in the valley, is survived by his daughter, Linda Danville of Newbury Park.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Elmer Phillips**

Services were held at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella Friday, August 20, for Elmer Phillips, 80, who died August 18 at Kern Valley Hospital. Graveside services were conducted at Glen Abbey Memorial Park in Chula Vista, Monday, August 23.

Born October 11, 1895, in Tennessee,

he was a five-year resident of Lake Isabella and lived twenty-three years in the state. He was a retired kennel attendant at Coronado Veterinary Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; two sons, Roy Phillips of Kernville, and Wayne Phillips of Vancouver, Washington; four sisters, Addie Maynard of Baxter, Tennessee, Mrs. J. Jolly of Hale Center, Texas, Mrs. Joe Thompson of Ada, Oklahoma, and Mrs. J.E. White of Farmington, New Mexico; two brothers, Marvin Phillips of Sunray, Texas, and Jay Phillips of Littlefield, Texas; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Aug. 26, 1976

## OBITUARY

**William Cole**

Services were held in Greenlawn Memorial Chapel Tuesday, August 24 for William Arle Cole, Sr., 71, of Onyx, who died August 19 in Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. William Gibson officiated and interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

A native of Arkansas, he resided in Kern County forty-two years. He was a grader operator in road maintenance, last employed in California City.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma; his son, William Cole, Jr., of Onyx; two daughters, Lorene Borgsdorf of Bakersfield and Lucille Perry of Oildale; his brother, Edward Cole of Bishop; his sister, Florence Pugh of Bakersfield; ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Greenlawn Memorial Park and Mortuary, Bakersfield.

# Woman Killed In L.I.

A 73-year-old Bodfish woman was killed in a head-on crash in Lake Isabella and numerous injuries were reported in other accidents on Kern Valley highways this week.

Lovena Moulton Whitney of Bodfish was driving her '69 Toyota eastbound on Lake Isabella Boulevard near Young Avenue Tuesday, August 24, when the car drifted over the center line and struck a '59 Chevy driven by Clifford Duffin of Mt. Mesa. Duffin was not injured and his passenger, Dave Dunn, Mt. Mesa, suffered minor facial lacerations.

Reports by Officer Verbie Pierce stated that Lovena Whitney was pronounced dead on arrival at Kern Valley Hospital, the seventh highway fatality in the past eight months.

Thursday  
Sept. 2, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Luther Hartley**

Graveside services were held Wednesday, September 1, at Kern Valley Cemetery for Luther Chester Hartley, 71, who died August 29 at Kern Valley Hospital. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7665 officiated.

Born in Oklahoma March 19, 1905, he was a resident of Lake Isabella for the past fifty-three years.

He is survived by his two daughters, Jasper Hartley of Montana and Gaynel Hartley of Downey.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Ernest Rathert**

Graveside services were held at Kern Valley Cemetery Tuesday, August 31, for Ernest Herman Rathert, 73, who died August 21 at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. H.B. Long officiated.

Born in Nortonville, Kansas, February 8, 1903, he lived in Bodfish the past nineteen years. He was a retired mill helper.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Sept. 2, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Genevieve Wilson**

Graveside services were held at Kern Valley Cemetery Monday, August 30, for Genevieve Cory Wilson, 73, who died August 24 at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield. Rev. Don Raulsten officiated.

Born in Jamison, Missouri, December 31, 1903, she was a six-year resident of Wofford Heights. She was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary of Green River, Wyoming, and is survived by her husband, Floyd.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Lester Daniels**

Graveside services were held at Kern Valley Cemetery Tuesday, August 31 for Lester Elmo Daniels, 73, who died August 25 at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield. Kern Valley Elks Lodge officiated.

Born in Chatsworth January 21, 1903, he is survived by his wife, Tera; two daughters, Beverly White and Pat Holloway, both of Ontario; two brothers, Joe Daniels of Alta Loma and John Daniels of Upland; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Sept. 9, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Frances Baldwin**

Graveside services were held at Kern Valley Cemetery Tuesday, September 7, for Frances Beulah Baldwin, 71, who died September 3 at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Myron B. Goodyear officiated.

Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, March 19, 1905, she was a member of South Fork Women's Club, Tuesday and Wednesday Bridge Clubs, 55 Plus Club, and Kern River Valley Historical Society. She was a nine-year resident of Kernville.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald of Kernville; her son, David Baldwin of Garden Grove; her daughter, Joan Baldwin of Fountain Valley; her sister, Nancy Tivvis of Kernville; and three grandchildren.

Members of the family have asked that donations be sent to the Heart Fund in her memory.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**James Reuter**

Services were held Saturday, September 4 at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for James Reede Reuter, 52, who died August 31 at Kern Valley Hospital. American Legion officiated and private cremation followed.

Born in Washington, D.C. July 31, 1924, he was the retired chief of services at USC Medical Center. He was a member of American Legion and Lake Isabella-Bodfish Property Owners' Association. He lived in Lake Isabella the past two years.

He is survived by his wife, Johenry, of Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Sept. 16, 1976

## OBITUARY

**James Leming**

Graveside services were held Tuesday, September 14, at Kern Valley Cemetery for James Martin Leming, 82, who died September 11 at Kern Medical Center in Bakersfield. Rev. Myron B. Goodyear officiated.

He was born in Seary County, Arkansas, February 3, 1893, and had been a resident of Lake Isabella the past four years. He had been a carpenter thirty years and a member of the carpenter's union.

He is survived by his son, Bobby Wayne Leming of Walnut Creek; four daughters, Maryann Bishop of Big Springs, Texas, Helen Le Banne of Torrance, Nel Beard of Lake Isabella, and Pat Japlin of Sacramento; seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Carl Woodard**

Services were held Monday, September 13 at Foursquare Church in Wofford Heights for Carl Vaudi Woodard, 70, who died September 9 at Kern Valley Hospital. Rev. Fred Warren officiated. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Born in Coleman, Texas, September 14, 1905, he had been an engineer with Superior Oil Refinery for 38 years and was a member of Foursquare Church.

He is survived by his wife, Florence of Bodfish; his son, John Woodard of Riverside; four daughters, Carol McNease of Alaska, Charlene Blethen of Lovelock, Nevada, Orba Lee Krueger of Buena Park, Jacqueline Strand of El Toro; his brother, Earl Cash Woodard of Texas; three sisters, Sadie Ruth Moore of Bakersfield, Mamie McPherson of Texas, Eula Dodson of Wyoming; twenty-three grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Sept. 16, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Lester Hicks**

Services were held at Westminster Memorial Park Chapel and Cemetery Friday, September 10, for Lester R. Hicks, 64, who died in Long Beach September 8. Dr. Floyd Le Fevers officiated.

Born in Missouri September 27, 1911, he lived in Long Beach thirty-one years.

He is survived by his wife, Vera of Weldon; his brother Paul Hicks of Missouri; four sisters, Minnie Weter, Ordie Compton, Louise Wilson, all of Missouri, and Gertie Rumble of Long Beach; two daughters, Marjorie Hall of Santa Barbara, and June McCarter of Weldon; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Westminster Memorial Park and Mortuary.

**Clarence Byler**

Private cremation was conducted September 10 for Clarence Byler of Lakeview Guest Home who died September 8 at Kern Valley Hospital.

Born August 20, 1884, in Illinois, he had resided in the county 25 years. He was a retired ship builder.

He is survived by his son, William H. Byler of Allison Park, Pennsylvania; his daughter, Georgia Kitch; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Sept. 16, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Lee Ann McFarlin**

Private cremation was conducted for LeeAnn McFarlin, 27, of Johnsondale, who died September 4 at Lake Elsinore.

She was born August 3, 1949, in Los Angeles and was a resident of the valley since 1967.

She is survived by her husband, Michael McFarlin of Johnsondale; her daughter, Nichol Buchanan of Lake Isabella; her parents, James and Carol Owens and her brother, Marty, all of Wofford Heights.

Thursday  
Sept. 30, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Hollis Roland**

Services were held Saturday, September 25 at First Baptist Church for Hollis H. Roland, Lake Isabella, who died at Kern Valley Hospital following a short illness. Services were officiated by Rev. Hugh Power with a eulogy given by Rev. Dale Brown, a long-time friend.

He was born October 16, 1897 in Corning, Iowa, and moved to the Kern River Valley November, 1961.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Hazel; his daughter, Angella of Wichita, Kansas; Jackie Grothe of Lake Isabella; his son, John Roland of Camarillo; 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Hazel; his daughter, Angella of Wichita, Kansas; Jackie Grothe of Lake Isabella; his son, John Roland of Camarillo; one brother, Burdette, of Atlantic, Iowa; 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Interment was at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Bakersfield.

Thursday  
Sept. 30, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Halley Smith**

Private graveside services were held Monday, September 27 for Halley D. Smith, 86, who died September 23 at Kern Valley Hospital.

Born in Kansas May 28, 1910, he was a retired mechanic with Consolidated Rock Products and an eight-year Wofford Heights resident.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; a daughter, Della Smith of Canoga Park; his sister, Elva Wall of West Los Angeles.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Alberta Turner**

Private cremation was conducted for Alberta Mae Turner, 68, who died September 23 at Kern Valley Hospital. Inurnment was at Rose Hills in Whittier.

A native Californian born in Coronado June 17, 1908, she was a retired pbx operator. She lived in Wofford Heights the past three years.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Turner of Wofford Heights; two daughters, Lorraine Maxey of Wofford Heights and Caroline Muirhead of Whittier; two sisters, Hazel King of Hamet and Volita Klaasen of Buena Point; and eight grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Oct. 7, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Meg Holliday**

Services will be held Friday, October 8, 10 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Marguerite (Meg) Elizabeth Holliday, 26, who died October 4 in Taft. Father Mark Renner will officiate. Interment will follow at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Born March 22, 1950, she lived in Lake Isabella six years. She was a graduate of Redondo Union High School and El Camino College. Locally, she was active with girl scouts and was a substitute teacher for Johnsondale, Kernville, and Woodrow Wallace elementary schools as well as teaching catechism classes at St. Jude's church, Wofford Heights.

She is survived by her husband, John; two daughters, Sandra Ann and Christine Dawn; her parents, Marilyn and Burton Porte of Redondo Beach; a sister, Linda Campbell of San Diego; three brothers, Thomas, Michael, and John, all of Redondo Beach; her husband's parents, Betty and Don Holliday, Lake Isabella; and brother-in-law Tom Holliday.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## KERN VALLEY SUN

Thursday  
Oct. 14, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Will Nicoll**

Memorial services will be held at Weldon Methodist Church for Will Nicoll who died in Redding October 6. Interment will be conducted at Cottage Grove Cemetery, Weldon. Dates for services have not been set.

Nicoll was born on a ranch in Weldon April 1, 1885, the son of John and Elizabeth Carden Nicoll. He was a valey rancher until 1936.

He is survived by his wife, Clara Nicoll, Redding; three sons, Earl Nicoll, Coarsegold; John Nicoll, Weldon; Ed M. Nicoll, Redding; a daughter, Alice Culbertson, Willows; eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

**John Hartman**

Services were held at Valley Mortuary Chapel October 6 for John Hartman, 35, of Bodfish, who died at Tarzana Medical Center September 29. Rev. Hugh Power officiated and interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Born June 28, 1941, he was a former employee of Harvy Aluminum Company and a thirteen year resident of Bodfish.

Thursday  
Nov. 4, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Charline Isbell**

Services will be held this week in Roseburg, Oregon, for Charline Isbell, 50, who died October 28 at Kern Valley Hospital.

Born December 7, 1925, in Arkansas, she was a former line worker for CVC Canneries in Oregon.

She is survived by her sister Edna N. Miller of Wofford Heights, and her daughter, Bobbie Sue Higgenbotham of Roseburg.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Lawrence Westlake**

Services were held at Valley Mortuary Chapel, Lake Isabella, Wednesday, November 3, for Lawrence Frank Westlake, who died October 31 at Kern Valley Hospital. Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 officiated and interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Born June 24, 1898, in Brookfield, Missouri, he worked as a construction supervisor for Los Angeles County for 38 years. He lived 55 years in the state, 8 in the valley.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel Westlake of Wofford Heights, and his sister, Lucille Allison of Carlsbad.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Nov. 4, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Edward Sinks**

Services were held in the First Baptist Church, Lake Isabella, Wednesday at 11 a.m. for Edward E. Sinks, 63, who died October 23. Rev. Hugh Power officiated.

Mr. Sinks was born in Texas and had resided in Kern County 27 years.

Survivors include the widow, Frances of Lake Isabella and one brother, Alfred Halel of Los Angeles. Pallbearers were Ed and Bill Moss, Dutch Tyner, Bill Stancell, Jim Ash and Charley Magga. Honorary pallbearers were Don Thone, Ralph Kanaguaga, Elmer Bond, Ross Shaw, Bill Sterns and Louis Johnson.

Entombment was in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Arrangements by Hillcrest Mortuary.

**Blanch Craig**

Services were held in Colorado for Blanche Craig, 80, former resident of Lake Isabella, who died in Denver October 2. Mr. and Mrs. Craig were valley residents more than 12 years. Her husband died 4 years ago.

**Ethel Moore**

Services will be held this morning at 10 a.m., November 4, at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Ethel Margaret Moore, 62, who died at Kern Medical Center in Bakersfield, November 1.

Born in Louisiana March 12, 1914, she spent 30 years in the state, 15 of those residing in Lake Isabella.

She is survived by her husband, Lee Moore, Lake Isabella; her brother, Eugene Shaffett of Pipkin, Louisiana; and her sister, Marie Olson of Carson.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



Thursday  
Nov. 11, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Buzz Barnes**

Services were held yesterday, November 10, at United Methodist Church in Kernville for Harold L. Barnes, Jr., 28, known to his friends as "Buzz." Rev. Myron B. Goodyear officiated church service and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7685 officiated the interment, which followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Born May 29, 1948, he served in the United States Army during the conflict in Viet Nam.

He is survived by his wife, Denise Barnes, and daughter, Angela, both of Mt. Mesa; three sisters, Shirley Wagner of Kernville, Linda McDonald of Kernville, and Judy Kolb of Lake Isabella; his mother, Gertrude Dickson of Greenville.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Martin Stephens**

Graveside services were conducted at Kern Valley Cemetery Saturday, November 5, for Martin Jay Stephens, infant son of Dennis and Laura Stephens of Kernville. Church of the Latter Day Saints officiated the service. Martin was born in Bakersfield September 18.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Nov. 11, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Ida Villarreal**

Services were held yesterday, November 10, in Westminster for Ida May Villarreal, 65, who died at her home in Weldon November 8. Interment followed at Los Angeles National Cemetery. She was born April 11, 1911 in Arkansas.

She is survived by five sons, Eugene Thorpe of Huntington Beach, Jack Thorpe of Kansas City, Missouri, Charles Thorpe of Santa Monica, Everett Franklin, of Los Angeles, David Franklin of Louisiana; two daughters, Victoria Bishop of Huntington Beach, and Barbara of Long Beach; her niece, Jewell Schwartz of Weldon; nine grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Nov. 18, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Lena Myers**

Graveside services were held at Kern Valley Cemetery yesterday, November 17, for Lena Theresia Myers, 84, who died November 13 in Bakersfield. Rev. Stephen Nagler officiated.

Born in Germany December 29, 1891, she was a housewife who resided in Lake Isabella. She is survived by her step-daughter, Betty Sawtelle of Vacaville.

## KERN VALLEY SUN

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## OBITUARY

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Dec. 2, 1976

## OBITUARY

*Mary Hudson*

Direct cremation will be conducted for Mary Alice Hudson, 88, who died November 21 at Kern Valley Hospital. Born in New Jersey December 22, 1908, she was a three-year resident of South Lake Estates in Lake Isabella, living thirty-one years in the state.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph T. Hudson.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

*Edna Bechtel*

Old timers of the Kern River Valley will be saddened to learn that Edna J. Bechtel passed away at 3:15 p.m. Sunday, November 21.

Edna was born in Wooster, Ohio, August 4, 1886. She came to the Kern River Valley in 1918. Her husband, Monroe Bechtel, drove a truck for his cousin, Jim Bechtel, hauling in supplies for Jim's first store in old Kernville, from Bakersfield over the old Callente Road. Later they opened their own grocery store in old Isabella. They leased the old Palmer Ranch where they grew alfalfa hay on land that had previously been used only for grazing cattle. Those invited to their ranch home for dinner will never forget the fried chicken, fresh garden vegetables, home canned goods and homemade ice cream.

As years passed, Edna moved to old Kernville where she made her home for many years. Though Edna was a small, frail-looking person, she kept busy raising flowers and taking care of a vegetable garden, crocheting and embroidering for the Methodist Church bazaars, cleaning the school house, selling tickets at the picture show, and always helping friends and neighbors.

Edna made the move to the new Kernville in 1951 and lived for a few years in the house now occupied by her granddaughter, Donna Petersen and her husband, on Big Blue Road. She moved to Morro Bay where she spent the next 22 years, the last few in the Huntington Rest Home when her health failed.

Edna leaves a son, Monroe Bechtel; four grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. According to her wishes, she was cremated and the ashes scattered over the ocean following a service in Morro Bay Wednesday, November 24.

*Mary Harkness*

Mary Elizabeth Harkness passed away Monday, November 22. Born in Manchester, England, she had resided in San Pedro for 35 years. She was formerly employed by the Star Kist Cannery for 17 years and Union Oil of Wilmington for 5 years.

Mrs. Harkness was a member of the Cannery Workers Union of the Pacific and Culinary Alliance of America.

She is survived by her husband Charles, Kernville; sisters-in-law, Thelma Francis of Long Beach, Pauline Rademaker of Michigan, Lois Hamel of Michigan, Bernice Hohenstein and Shirley Conant, both of Michigan; niece and nephew Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schroeder of Long Beach; brothers-in-law Lyman Harkness, Raymond Harkness and Frank Harkness, all of Michigan; and several relatives in England, Ireland, Michigan and West Virginia.

Rosary was recited Wednesday at McNerney's Mortuary Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Friday at Mary Star of the Sea Church.

Arrangements by McNerney's Mortuary.

Thursday  
Dec. 9, 1976

## OBITUARY

**WILLIS B. DAVEY**

Services will be held tomorrow, December 10, at noon for Willis B. Davey, 66, of Wofford Heights, who died December 6 at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield. Chapel service will be conducted at Valley Mortuary, with interment following at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Born May 4, 1910, in Texas, he was a retired maintenance engineer for Metropolitan Water District Laverne plant.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; two sisters, Gladys Nagle, Austin, Texas, and Myrtle O'Neil, Kensington, Maryland; his mother, Emella Berg, Austin, Texas; and his nephew, John Nagle and family of Anaheim.

In addition to gifts of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Ellis B. Davey to Kern Valley Hospital.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thursday  
Dec. 16, 1976

## OBITUARY

**Orian Campbell**

Services were held Saturday, December 11 at United Methodist Church in Kernville for Orian Franklin Campbell, 71, who died December 9 at Ridgecrest Community Hospital. Rev. Don Roulsten officiated and interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Thirty-year resident of the valley, Campbell was born in Bernard, Missouri, August 15, 1905. He was a self-employed land developer and lived in California sixty-four years.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys C. Campbell, Onyx; his daughter and son-in-law, Helen and Timothy Witt, Onyx; Two grandsons, Stephen and Stuart Witt, Onyx; and his brother, Otis Campbell, Balboa Island.

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## OBITUARY

**Alton Gremett**

Rosary and special mass will be conducted at St. Timothy Church in Los Angeles at 7 p.m. tonight, December 23, for Alton Gremett, 68, who died at his home in Beverly Hills December 20. Graveside services will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery in Los Angeles tomorrow, December 24, at 10 a.m.

A part-time resident of Onyx, he is survived by his wife, Grace, and four children, Glen, Thomas, Mary, and Carol.

Donations will be accepted in his name at the American Heart Association, 2405 West Twenty-eighth, Los Angeles.

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## OBITUARY

**Clara Nicoll**

Memorial service will be held in Weldon Methodist Church at a date to be announced soon for John W. and Clara Powers Nicoll of Weldon. Inurnment will follow beside the family graves in the little historic cemetery near Weldon.

Clara died December 12 in Redding and John died in October. Private cremation was conducted.

A Kern River Valley native, Clara was born October 31, 1886, and is survived by three sons, Earl J. Nicoll, Coarsegold, John W. Nicoll, Weldon, Ed M. Nicoll, Redding; her daughter, Alice N. Culbertson, Willows; eight grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren.

She is also survived by her two sisters, Etta Young and Jesse Olson, both of Bakersfield.

**Pamela Chaffin**

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, December 21 at Kern Valley Cemetery for Pamela Ruth Chaffin, 24, who died December 18 at Fresno

Community Hospital.

Born September 23, 1952, she resided in Visalia. She is survived by her husband, Steve Chaffin; her son, Willie Joe; her daughter Barbara Joan; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Armstrong, Lake Isabella; two sisters, Mary Brown, Riverside, and Rena Armstrong, Lake Isabella; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Towbridge, Lake Isabella, and grandmother, Edith Armstrong, Norwalk.

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## OBITUARY

**Bertha Dancey**

Services will be held today, December 23, at 11 a.m. at St. Judes Church, Wofford Heights, for Margaret Bertha Dancey, 59, who died December 18 at Kern Valley Hospital. Father Mark Penna will officiate. Rosary was said last night at Valley Mortuary Chapel.

She was born February 1, 1917, and is survived by her husband, Robert Dancey of Bodfish; her daughters, Kathleen Luckey, Garden Grove, and Marilyn Dancey, Downey; her brothers, Kenneth Hoffman, Bernard Hoffman, and Eugene Hoffman, all of Kansas; her sisters, Stella Bortrom, Huntington Park, and Mildred Makin, Long Beach; and two grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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## OBITUARY

A Kern River Valley pioneer, Orian Franklin Campbell died December 9 following a three-year illness. He was 71 years old. Orian lived in the Kern River Valley 35 years. Over 150 friends and relatives attended his funeral services on December 11 at



Orian Campbell

the United Methodist Church in Kernville.

Those attending Orian's funeral paid him tribute and remembered.

There is much about this remarkable man to recall.

Orian Campbell arrived in the Kern River Valley in 1941. He saw a beautiful valley with a great potential for development. At that time, the Kern River Valley was a small rural community, sparsely populated and short of services.

The new arrival purchased the telephone company in old Kernville and set about the task of upgrading and expanding the primitive service. Orian later sold his first purchase to Don Golden and it was a going business.....customers doubled and telephone lines were strung from poles instead of fence posts.

Orian Campbell then began a list of "firsts" in the Kern River Valley. He built and/or developed the first laundry, trash pickup service, lumber yard, sporting goods store, appliance store, locker plant, ice cream and snack shop and was the first to irrigate farm land with a drilled well and electric pump sprinkler system.

Understandably, Orian often ran into local opposition along the way.

The community often resisted change. Orian viewed change as progress and acted accordingly.

There were three words Orian would not tolerate in his vocabulary: never, can't and impossible. During his active business years, Orian had many occasions to ponder the lack of these three words. And so did many of his constituents.

If a development project seemed unlikely.....most likely Orian Campbell was right in the middle of it.

When old Kernville gave way to Lake Isabella, Orian turned his ambitions toward developing new Kernville. Once again he racked up a list of "firsts."

He built Ewings-on-the-Kern, Whispering Pines Lodge, McCambridge Lodge, and the first commercial building in new Kernville, which now houses a cafe and antique shop. Many other buildings in Kernville are still in use that Orian built, including the lumber yard which he operated for years.

Orian drilled many water wells in Kernville. All too many were expensive and dry.....but he kept drilling. He entered some business ventures that proved unprofitable personally but never to a partner or investor.

Orian became a one-man employment agency. Many of his myriad business associates occasionally found themselves with a "new employee" at the behest of Orian's urgent prodding. Frequently, Orian created jobs to help a floundering man and often he was forced to borrow money from the bank to pay a man for a "created" job. Orian soon developed a widespread reputation for his ability to provide a job for anyone willing to work.

In 1957, Orian Campbell moved to the South Fork area and again became a community developer. He built the Onyx Emporium, developed the town, maintained and operated the water company and donated the ground for Scodie Park which he also helped develop. Orian maintained the Scodie Park grounds for years on a voluntary basis. He kept up the Onyx streets the same way.

The water company served the Onyx residents for a most nominal fee. Not because Orian was opposed to profit, but because he felt the area needed "greening up." The best way to "green up" is to "plant and water." He encouraged Onyx residents to "plant and water." They did and Orian's low cost water supply was most instrumental in a successful, if

During Orian's old Kernville days, churches and preachers were difficult to finance and hard to come by. The intrepid developer had a unique system of "helping" a church fatten its coffers. Orian, on a first-name basis with everyone, developed the disconcerting, but successful, habit of surprising Saturday night revelers by dropping into bars and asking the partying ones for church donations.

Among friends, Orian was called "the Preacher Mover." Orian cheerfully, and at no cost, moved many preachers in (and out) of the Kern River Valley.

Three years ago, illness forced Orian Campbell to curtail and finally, to cease his seemingly never-ending activities. Fraternally, Orian was active in the Elks Club, Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star and the Weldon Methodist Church. He was also a member of the old Kernville school board.

Orian Campbell is survived by his wife, Gladys; daughter and son-in-law Helen and Timothy Witt, all of Onyx; one brother, Otis, Balboa Island; two grandsons, Stephen and Stuart Witt and one great-grandson.



Thursday  
Dec. 30, 1976

OBITUARY

### Arthur W. Taylor

Graveside services were conducted at Kern Valley Cemetery December 18 for Arthur W. Taylor who died December 15 at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital. Father Renner officiated.

A four-year resident of the valley, he is survived by his widow, Grace E. Taylor, Kernville; his daughter, Pat Thatcher, San Pedro; his son, Dan Taylor, Northridge; three sisters, Hazel Volk, Helen Swartz, Eldred Kautzman, all of Cincinnati, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Chester Meredith

Services will be held at Valley Mortuary Chapel today, December 30 at 1 p.m. for Chester Lee Meredith, 56, who died December 26 in Bakersfield. Interment will follow at Kern Valley Cemetery with Rev. B.M. Calhoun officiating the service.

Born August 5, 1920 in Arkansas, he was an employee of Onyx Ranch and was a resident of Weldon.

He is survived by his widow, Mary Meredith; his son, Chester Thomas, Johnson City, Kansas; his daughter, Annie Collins, Lake Isabella; his brother, Johnny Meredith, Haworth, Oklahoma; and five grandchildren.

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OBITUARY

### Murray Knight

Services were held Tuesday, December 28, at Chapel of the Chimes, Inglewood Park Cemetery, for longtime Kernville resident, Murray Knight, who died at the Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance December 22.

Murray Hood Knight was born August 6, 1905 in Springtown, Texas.

He left the Los Angeles area in 1942 for old Kernville where he joined the fire department. Eventually he became captain, a rank he held until his retirement.

When Isabella Dam was built, Murray and his wife joined three other couples, forming the Kernville Development Company. With Murray as president, they bought acreage five miles upstream and built a new town which they named Kernville with the permission of the United States Postmaster General.

When the Kernville Development Company was only a few weeks old, one couple withdrew from the organization. Another moved from the area, becoming a "silent partner." The third couple was elderly and soon died, leaving Murray to manage the affairs of the company almost single-handed.

Among other things, he built and operated the first motel in Kernville.

Upon his recommendation, the Kernville Development Company donated lots to the Methodist Church, fire department, the International Order of Oddfellows, in addition to acreage for two parks.

Murray held membership in the Kernville branches of the Methodist Church, the International Order of Oddfellows, golf course committee and was a charter member of the chamber of commerce.

He is survived by his widow, Zora. Donations may be made in his name to the National Parkinson Foundation, 1501 North West Ninth Avenue, Miami, Florida, 33136.



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